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CARPENTERSVILLE
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Building a Better Tomorrow . . . Today

Summer 2004

We've Got Award-Winning Water!



Have you noticed that your tap water tastes extra good? That it looks especially clear? Even if you haven't taken the time to notice, the judges at local and regional municipal water competitions have, and the Illinois Water Works Association judged Carpentersville's water to be the best for taste and clarity among 50 area communities. Congratulations to our Water Department team for a job well done! (Left to right: Dean Gorter, Water Superintendent; Scott Hartzog, Jeff Campbell, Steven Wolf, and Gary Pierce.

School's Almost Out -- Drive Safely!



Summer vacation for local school children has already begun. That means that children happy to be playing outside may forget to look before going into the street.

They can easily forget to watch for you, so you will need to be extra vigilant in watching for them.

Bicyclists -- remember that the law requires you to obey traffic laws. Bicycle Rules of the Road are available free of charge at the Police Department.

Motorists -- The days are longer, the weather's warmer, and the neighborhood kids are out in force. Please use extra caution when backing out of your driveway, and when driving on residential streets.

Summer is a happy time for kids. Make sure it's a safe time, too.

Lake Marian Road Reconstruction Underway; Completion Set for Fall 2004

The Village began reconstructing Lake Marian Road from Route 25 to Washington Street on April 5th. The project consists of removing and replacing box culverts, resurfacing and patching the pavement, installing new storm sewers, removing the existing curb and gutter and installing all new curbs and gutters, and updating the traffic signals. The project will also include the total reconstruction of some areas of pavement.

The construction will require lane closures and detours to accommodate traffic throughout the summer and into the fall. Lane closure patterns will change several times during the project, as needed during specific stages of construction.

For your safety and the safety of the work crews, we ask that you drive carefully through the construction zones and obey posted speed limits at all times.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the project, contact Village Engineer Ronald Rudd at (847) 551-3480.



Crews work on reconstructing Lake Marian Road



The Village Hall will be closed on the following holidays:

4th of July
Monday, July 5

Labor Day
Monday,
September 6

Thanksgiving
Thursday & Friday,
November 25 & 26

Christmas
Wednesday &
Thursday,
December 24

New Year's
Day
Thursday,
January 3

INFORMACION PARA NUEVOS RESIDENTES

Por Venir, Reconstruccion En La Carretera Lake Marian; Su Terminacion Esta Asignada Para el Otono 2004

La carretera Lake Marian estará en construcción durante el Otoño. El cierre de calles cambiará varias veces durante la construcción. Porfavor maneje con mucho cuidado en las zonas de construcción. Para preguntas? Llamar a Ron Rudd 847/551-3480

Julío 31 es el Ultimo Dia para Comprar Sticker del Vehículo y Licencia para Perros. Para Los Años 2004-2005:

Ya se están ofreciendo los stickers o calcomanias para su vehículo, para 2004-2005. Para evitar penalidades, el sticker deve ser comprado y exhibido no mas tardar de la media noche, en Julio 31. El sticker deve de ser puesto en la parte baja de la esquina derecha del parabrisas de su carro.

Los precios para los stickers y licencia de perros es igual que las del año pasado. Stickers de vehículos que no sean exhibidos para la fecha asignada, las penalidades sera de \$50 a \$500 dolares.

Un formulario fue enviado a todo residente que compro un sticker el año pasado. Si necesita otro formulario, lo puede conseguir en el Departamento de Finanzas.

Si tiene preguntas acerca de como obtener un sticker para vehículo, por favor llamar al Departamento de Finanzas al (847) 551-3476.

Para mas información acerca de imposición de ordenanzas, llamas al Departamento de Policia al (847) 551-3481.

Limitaciones De Estacionamiento En La Noche:

El comité del municipio de Carpentersville recientemente a pasado una ordenanza de limitaciones de estacionamiento en la noche, durante todo el año. Esta ley comenzó en Abril, limitando el estacionamiento en cualquier calle por mas de 30 minutos entre las 2:00 y las 6:00 de la mañana. Multas seran de \$20.00 dolares.

Para mas información, por favor de llamar al Departamento de Policia al 847/551-3481.

Permisos De Contruccion y Remodelaciones De Hogar:

El primer paso para emesar un proyecto es someter una aplicación de permiso de construccion junto con el mapa del plan del proyecto y tres copias de cualquier plan especificando la propuesta del trabajo, documentando el "Quien, Que, Cuando, Donde y Como" dela remodelación o construcción.

Para proyectos que no requieren cambios estructurales como siding, techos, cercas, calentador de agua o aire acondicionado, el permiso puede ser obtenido rapidamente.

Luego de ser recibido el permiso el Departamento de Construcción le avisara de cuantos inspecciones son requeridas y cuando sera el proceso de las inspecciones.

Cuando el trabajo sea finalizado, comuniquese con nosotros para hacer la inspeccion final y aprobar el finalizado trabajo o construccion. El Departamento de Construcción puede ser localizado a este telefono 847/551-3481.

Mejorías En El Tratamiento del Agua; La Quimica que se Usa Para Suavizar el Agua, no Sera utilizada Temporalmente, Esto Pude Causar Depósitos de Calcio en las Tuberias del Agua.

Los fondos del año 2004-2005 del presupuesto del minicipio han sido puestos para el beneficio del tratamiento del agua. Estas mejoras consisten de añadir dos unidades de intercambios de iones para suavizar el agua, estos estan asociados con mas tuberias, controles y pompas. Este trabajo empezará lo mas tardar el mes de Julio, y sera completo en el verano del 2005.

Durante esta porsion de construcción el municipio no proda prover agua suavizada. Durante este periodo usted experimentara algunos depositos de calcio en las tuberias del agua, en sus utensilios de cocina y el agua tendra un sabor diferente. Aunque el agua no va estar suavizada, va estar sana para tomar.

Estos mejoramientos an sido hechos para poder mejorar el crecimiento y la demanda del agua en el municipio, y residentes. Para preguntas? Llamar a Dean Gorter al (847) 551-3492.

July 31 Is the Deadline for Displaying 2004-2005 Village Vehicle Stickers

Vehicle stickers for 2004-2005 are now available. Stickers must be purchased and displayed by midnight on July 31st in order to avoid penalties and fines. Stickers are to be placed in the lower right-hand corner of the vehicle's windshield.

The fee for passenger cars remains at \$20; the motorcycle fee is \$17.50; and truck fees range from \$25 to \$40. Beginning on August 1, these fees double. Seniors and disabled residents can purchase vehicle stickers at a reduced rate of \$1.00 (limit one per qualifying household). Owners of vehicles not displaying a valid sticker after the deadline are subject to fines ranging from \$50 to \$500.

Preprinted application forms have been mailed to all residents who purchased a vehicle sticker last year. To avoid waiting in line, residents are encouraged to renew by mail.

If needed, blank forms are available in the Finance Department, which is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Extended hours are offered on Thursday, when the office remains open until 8:00 p.m.

New Village residents and persons who have purchased a new vehicle have 45 days in which to purchase a vehicle sticker. Proof of purchase or move-in date will be required.

If you have any questions about obtaining a vehicle sticker, please call the Finance Department at (847) 551-3476.

For information about enforcement of the ordinance, call the Police Department at (847) 551-3481.

Honor a Loved One With an Engraved Brick in Veterans' Garden

Interested in having a brick engraved for a friend or loved one who has served or is serving in the United States Military? Now is the time. The Carpentersville Veterans' Garden has just 350 bricks available for engraving. Bricks are priced at \$30 each.

The Veterans' Garden is located in Carpenter Park off of Lord Street. The Garden was constructed in 2002 and contains monuments honoring all branches of military service, as well as a monument honoring those who served in World War I. It also contains an ellipse in the center of the Garden that contains bricks that have been engraved with the names of those who have served or are serving our country.

If you would like to have a brick engraved in honor of a friend or family member, please pick up a Veterans' Garden Brick Purchase form in the Finance/Water Department office in the Village Hall, or download the form from the Village's web site at <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us>

Once a brick has been engraved and placed in the Garden, the brick purchaser receives a Certificate of Authenticity that states the brick has been placed in the Garden. The certificate bears the name that is engraved on the brick.

Looking for Information? Check Out Our Website!

Are you new to Carpentersville? Are you looking for information about Village Departments and services? Want to email a message to a Village staff member or elected official? Our website can enable you to do that and more! Among the things you'll find are:

- An expanded section of important information for new and existing residents
- A list of Village Boards and Committees
- Approved Village Board minutes
- A list of upcoming Board agendas and events
- Employment opportunities at the Village
- Department information
- A history of the Village

Check it all out at <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us>



Important Phone Numbers:

Village Hall:
(847) 426-3439

Community Development (Code Enforcement or Building Department):
(847) 551-3478

Engineering Division:
(847) 551-3480

Public Works:
(847) 836-2464

Water Facility:
(847) 551-3492

Sewer Facility:
(847) 551-3490

Underground Division:
(847) 551-3493

Street Division:
(847) 551-3494

Finance/Water Billing:
(847) 551-3476

Police or Fire Emergency: 9-1-1

Police Non-Emergency:
(847) 551-3481

Fire Non-Emergency:
(847) 426-2131

AFTER HOURS OR WEEKEND SEWER BACKUPS OR WATER PROBLEMS REQUIRING VILLAGE RESPONSE:
(847) 428-8784

Water Treatment Facility Improvements Underway; Temporary Inability to Soften Water May Result in Calcium Deposits on Plumbing Fixtures

Funds have been allocated in the 2004-2005 Village budget for improvements at the Water Treatment Facility. These improvements consist of the addition of two ion exchange softening units with associated piping, controls and pumps. The work is scheduled to begin in late July, with completion expected in the summer of 2005.

During a portion of the construction process the Village will be unable to provide softened water. During this time you may experience some calcium deposits on plumbing fixtures, dishes and a slight change in the taste of the water. Although the water will not be softened, it is safe to drink.

These improvements are being made in order to continue to meet the growing water demands of the Village and its residents. Questions? Call Dean Gorter at (847) 551-3492.



Year Round Overnight Parking Ordinance Now in Effect

The Carpentersville Village Board recently passed an ordinance prohibiting overnight parking on any Village street throughout the year. The new law, which took effect in April, restricts parking on Village streets for more than 30 minutes between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Violators are subject to a \$20 fine.

For more information, please contact the Carpentersville Police Department at 847-551-3481.

Planning a Home Improvement? Check with Us First!

The Village wants your residential building project to be successful. The Community Development Department staff can help you avoid potential problems that can cost you both time and money. There are numerous handouts available to assist with the building permit process, and technical assistance to help you comply with Village requirements.

Beginning the Residential Building Permit Process

The first step of the residential permitting process is for you or your contractor to provide the Village with a building permit application, along with a plat of survey and three copies of any sketches or plans that detail the proposed work, documenting the "Who, What, When, Where and How" of your proposed home improvement project. If you are applying for a permit for siding, roofing, window replacements, or a fence, patio, service walk, driveway, water heater, or an air conditioning or furnace unit, our staff is trained to issue your permit immediately, "over-the-counter". Permits can be issued immediately for many minor improvements. For larger projects such as remodeling, room additions or a garage, a Building Inspector will review your plan documents to determine if your proposed project complies with Village ordinances, rules and regulations.

Regardless of the size of your project, if your application and plans meet Village standards, the department will approve a building permit. If your application or plans do not meet Village requirements, you will receive direction on what needs to be revised or provided. If only minor plan revisions are needed, the Building Inspector will provide comments on the plans and a permit will be issued, subject to these comments.

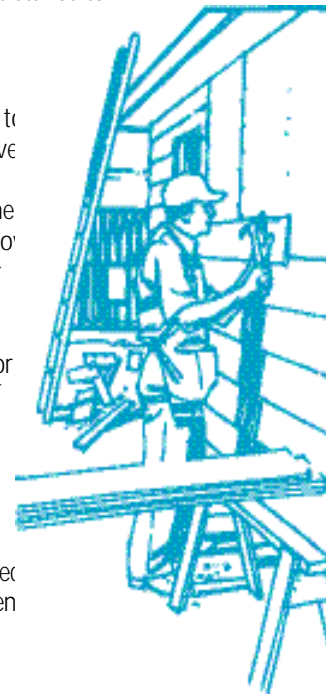
Permitting, Construction, and Inspections

Once the building permit for your home improvement project is ready to be issued, our office will collect the permit fees associated with your project. These fees are based on the size of the job and cover the cost of the application, plan review, and inspection processes. You will then receive your permit card and one set of the approved plans. Post your permit card in a window inside your house so it is visible from the street and keep your approved plans available on-site until all work is done and the Village approves your project.

When you receive your permit, the Community Development Department will advise you of how many inspections are required for your project and when during the construction process those inspections will occur. On-site inspections are necessary before any work is concealed to make certain that the materials and installation methods used conform to Village standards and the approved plans. Inspections greatly minimize potentially costly mistakes and are easy to schedule and obtain. Because our inspectors are cross-trained, we strive to conduct all inspections within 24-hours. During inspections, our experts will answer your questions or help you with concerns regarding your project.

Final Inspection and Approval of Your Home Improvement Project

Upon satisfactory completion of the work, contact us to conduct a final inspection and approve your home improvement project. The Community Development Department can be reached at (847) 551-3478.



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