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Village of
CARPENTERSVILLE
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Summer 2005

Meet Carpentersville's New Village President and Trustees!

Village President Bill Sarto, a 10 year resident of Carpentersville, has been employed by the State of Illinois since 1974. He has been a field auditor for the state for the last 28 years, bringing a solid finance background to the Village. Bill attended Elgin Community College and Rockford business College, where he majored in marketing and business administration. His vision for Carpentersville is to see the Village turn the corner in economic development to bring jobs to the community and build a stronger revenue base to fund needed street and sewer improvements. Developing a state park near the river and Route 31 is also a priority. His longer term vision is to see Carpentersville become an entertainment destination where people will want to spend both time and money by developing attractions such as a dinner theater, comedy club, and indoor/outdoor water park.



Trustee Linda Ramirez Sliwinski, a home care physician in Wheaton, is a member of the Carpentersville Hispanic Committee, the 2002 -2003 Chairman of Celebration Latina, as well as a Founding Member/ Treasurer of Citizens for Fiscal Reform, which was created in 2004. In addition, she is a Founding Member and Secretary of The Beautification and Improvement Committee of Carpentersville. Linda had been a Deputy Registrar since 2003. Her goals for the Village include responsible growth and development for the Village, working to ensure that businesses and developments shoulder their fair share of the tax burden, and creating and maintaining as transparent budget. Linda and her husband John share their home with their dog, Cisco.

Trustee Ed Ritter has been a long time resident of the Village of Carpentersville. He is employed by Community Unit School District 300. Ed has been involved in a variety of capacities with the Village since 1999 when he was appointed to the Plan Commission. He was later appointed to the newly formed Planning and Zoning Commission. He is the father of three daughters. His vision for the Village is to make it a better place to live for all of its residents.



Trustee Kay Teeter has been a Carpentersville resident for 26 years. She and her husband Tim have been married for 27 years and have two children, Christopher and Tanya. Kay is employed as an Assistant Manager for American General Financial Services. In addition, she has been a Team Manager for the last 21 years for Mary Kay Cosmetics, as well as the former Membership Director for the Cardinal Chamber of Commerce. As an active member of the Fox Valley Jaycees, she has served the organization as Region Director and Local Chapter President and was named Outstanding State Chairperson for Family Life Spiritual Development. Kay is a member of First Christian Church of Elgin.

Main Street to be Closed to Traffic from July-October for Reconstruction Of Bridge

The Main Street Bridge Reconstruction Project will be completed in two-phases requiring complete closure of Main Street during Fall, 2005 and then again in Spring and Summer of 2006.

Phase I of the project is scheduled to begin in the last week of July, 2005 and continue until middle of October, 2005. Main Street will be closed for approximately 5-7 weeks during the phase I reconstruction period. The tentative reopening of the bridge is scheduled for October 15, 2005. Main Street will remain open during the winter months.

Phase II is scheduled to begin in mid-March, 2006 and continue until mid- August, 2006. The Main Street Bridge will be closed for approximately 18-20 weeks during the phase II reconstruction period. The tentative reopening of the bridge is scheduled for July 31, 2006.

Appropriate detour signage will be in place prior to street closure.

Work Resumes on Williams Road; Lake Marian Road Reconstruction Now 70% Complete

Lake Marian Road construction resumed on Williams Road this spring, after the project was shutdown for the winter due to weather. Overall the project is approximately 70 % complete.

The pavement has been removed along Williams Road, between Lord Street and Wisconsin Street. Storm sewer and water main installation will be completed prior to reconstructing the base of the roadway and the pavement. Restoration of the corridor will not occur until the roadway, driveway aprons and sidewalk are in place.

Completion of the entire project is anticipated for late summer. Please remember that this is a construction site. There are "Road Closed to Thru Traffic" signs, barricades and a posted detour to direct traffic away from the construction. While the road should be passable for residents to access their properties within the construction zone, drivers should proceed slowly and with caution, staying alert for construction materials, workers and equipment at all times.

Be aware that the Police Department is issuing tickets for thru traffic traveling through the construction zone, rather than obeying the posted detour signage.

CRIME ALERT: Home Repair Scam Artists are On the Loose And Ready to Take Your Money

The Police Department warns residents to be on the alert for unlicensed contractors who go from door-to-door, soliciting consumers for costly and unnecessary home repairs.

A typical scam may involve individuals coming to your residence and informing you that they have just finished repairing a roof or resurfacing the driveway of a neighbor's home. They may tell you they have excess supplies, and they may offer to do work at your home for a discounted price. Remember: if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. The work that these contractors perform may be unnecessary or overpriced, or their extra materials may be of poor quality and may prove unsuitable for repairing your home.

Another scam may involve persons seeking access to your home to conduct inspections of your plumbing system, furnace, or appliances. Once inside, they may falsely tell you that an emergency exists, requiring immediate (and costly) repair, or they may distract you so that an accomplice can steal jewelry and other valuables from your home.

While many people believe they are too smart to fall for home repair fraud, the con artists who engage in these crimes often are experts at what they do. They behave in a friendly and cordial manner to gain their victims' confidence, and they plan their crimes well in advance, often targeting senior citizens.

You can reduce the odds of becoming a home repair fraud victim by being cautious of anyone who comes to your door offering to perform repair services. If you are outdoors when approached, do not engage in conversation with solicitors and do not allow them to lead you away from or into your home.

Illinois law requires persons engaged in home repair and remodeling to (1) provide customers with a pamphlet entitled "Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights," and (2) inform customers of their three-day right to cancel a home repair contract, if the transaction involves \$25 or more and the contract is signed when the salesperson or contractor is present in your residence. The law requires notice of your three-day right to cancel to be given both verbally and as part of a written contract. Do not sign any contract that fails to describe the three-day right to cancel, omits the date of sale, or contains blank spaces.

If you are suspicious of a contractor who approaches you, or if you believe you already have been victimized, call the Police Department immediately at 9-1-1. Prompt reporting is vital. Very few frauds are reported, which leaves con artists free to steal from others.

Timely Reminders About Kids, Dogs, & Fireworks

Curfew for Those Under 17

The Police Department reminds residents that children under 17 years old, who are not accompanied by a responsible adult, are prohibited from being present on any sidewalk, street, or other public place between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Fido Must be Licensed by August 15

Dog licenses are required and available at the Finance Department for \$3.00 if purchased before August 15. The Finance Department is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Thursday, when the office remains open until 8:00 p.m. Owners of unlicensed dogs are subject to fines ranging from \$50 to \$750 for each offense.

Fireworks: They're Dangerous and Against the Law

With Independence Day fast approaching, the Police Department reminds residents that state and local laws prohibit the use of fireworks without a permit. Under Illinois law, unlawful discharge of fireworks is a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$1,500 fine. Village fines range from \$25 to \$1,000. For information about enforcement of fireworks laws, please call the Carpentersville Police Department at (847) 551-3481.

Village Vehicle Stickers Must be Purchased & Displayed by July 1

Carpentersville vehicle stickers for 2005-2006 are now available from the Finance Department. Stickers must be purchased and displayed no later than July 1.

New Village residents and those with a newly purchased vehicle have 60 days in which to purchase a vehicle sticker. Proof of purchase or move-in date will be required.

Owners of vehicles not displaying a valid sticker are subject to fines ranging from \$50 to \$500. Questions? Contact the Finance Department at (847) 551-3476.

We Need Your Help!!!

Have you ever thought of becoming a member on one of the Village's committees? It's a great way to get involved in your hometown, be a part of the decision-making process, and make a real contribution to your community.

Sound interesting? If so, please send a letter of interest telling us a little bit about yourself, as well as any special areas of interest or expertise, and send it to Village President Bill Sarto either by mail, fax or e-mail.

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1200 L.W. Besinger Drive
Carpentersville, IL 60110

Fax: 847/426-0809

E-Mail: Bsarto@vil.carpentersville.il.us

Mosquitos Bugging You? Village Continues Program to Eliminate Breeding Areas, Control Adult Mosquitos



Again this year, the Village of Carpentersville has entered into an agreement with Clarke Mosquito Management, Inc. for the 2005 mosquito season.

This year's program remains focused on monitoring potential breeding sites and pre-hatch larvacide treatment applications at selected sites to eliminate as many mosquitoes as possible before they develop into adults. In addition the program focuses on decreasing the risk of transmitting the West Nile virus, as well as decreasing annoyance levels.

The Village's program of larvae control, surveillance and, if needed adult mosquito control, reduces the risk of being bitten by mosquitoes. This proactive approach is extremely important in the face of the threat posed by the West Nile virus.

Carpentersville Water Department Honored for Floridation

For the 17th consecutive year, the Carpentersville Water Facilities Department has received a commendation from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Department of Public Health for maintaining and monitoring the proper fluoride levels in the drinking water. Fluoride is added to the entire municipal water supply, and plays an important role in both healthy tooth development and cavity prevention.

Tired of Non-Softened Water? So Are We, But the Situation Has Almost Been Remedied, and the End is in Sight!

What was expected to be a several-month water treatment facility improvement project has turned into more than a year with the work still not completed, and Carpentersville residents wondering when the water coming into their homes will again be softened.

The good news is that the contractor issues that created the delay are nearly solved, and softened water should again be arriving in homes by mid-October.

The Village Board allocated in 2004 for improvements to the Water Treatment Facility: the addition of two ion exchange softening units with associated piping, controls and pumps. The work was scheduled to begin in late August 2004, with completion expected in the summer of 2005.

Five months after the contract for the improvements was awarded, the Village received notification that the general contractor was experiencing financial difficulties. Shortly after receipt of the notification, the contractor abandoned the job site. Within a week the

Village began aggressive legal action to have the contractor declared in default of the contract.

On March 8, 2005 the Village Board passed a resolution declaring the contractor to be in default. The contractor's bonding company has now selected a replacement contractor to complete the project. A few legal issues need to be resolved and once that occurs the remaining portion of the project will be completed.

We realized ahead of time that during a portion of the construction process the Village would be unable to provide softened water, possibly resulting in calcium deposits on plumbing fixtures and dishes, and a slight change in taste. Although not softened, the water is safe for drinking and household uses. Of course, we did not anticipate the contractual problems and the resulting long delay in completion of the water treatment facility improvements.

Hopefully we will again be providing softened water by mid-October.



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**

INFORMACION PARA NUEVOS RESIDENTES

La Calle Main se Cerrará para el Tráfico a partir de Julio a Octubre para la Reconstrucción del Puente

El proyecto de la reconstrucción del puente de la calle Main será terminada en dos-fases que requieren el encierro completo de la calle Main durante el otoño, 2005 y entonces otra vez en la primavera y el verano de 2006.

La fase I de el proyecto esta programado para comenzar en la ultima semana de julio de 2005 y continuara hasta el mediano de octubre de 2005. La calle Main será cerrada por aproximadamente 5 a 7 semanas durante el periodo de la reconstrucción. La reapertura tentativa del puente esta programado para el 15 de octubre 2005. La calle Main seguirá siendo abierta durante los meses del invierno.

La fase II de el proyecto esta programado para comenzar a los mediados de marzo 2006 y continuara hasta los mediados de agosto 2006. El puente de la calle Main será cerrado por aproximadamente 18 a 20 semanas durante el periodo de la reconstrucción de la fase II. La reapertura tentativa del puente esta programado para el 31 de julio 2006.

Letreros apropiados del desvío estarán en lugar antes de el encierro de la calle.

ALARMA DE CRIMEN: Contratistas sin Licencias Listos Para Tomar su Dinero.

El departamento del policía advierte que se cuiden contra contratistas sin permiso que van a domicilios, solicitando consumidores para las reparaciones caseras costosas y innecesarias.

Un robo típico puede ocurrir cuando vienen a su residencia y le informan que ellos acaban de reparar una azotea o allanar el parqueadero del hogar de uno de sus vecinos. Pueden decirle que tienen material exceso, y pueden ofrecerle hacer el trabajo en su hogar para un precio descontado. Recuerde: si suena demasiado bueno ser verdad, generalmente es. El trabajo que estos contratistas realizan puede ser innecesario, sobre precio, o sus materiales adicionales pueden ser de mala calidad y pueden probar inadecuado para reparar su hogar.

Otro robo típico puede ocurrir cuando personas buscan acceso a su hogar para conducir inspecciones de su horno, electrodomésticos, o plomería. Una vez adentro, pueden decirle que existe una emergencia, requiriendo la reparación inmediata (y costosa), o pueden distraerle de modo que un cómplice pueda robar joyería y otros objetos de valor de su hogar.

Usted puede reducir las probabilidades de ser una víctima casera del fraude de la reparación siendo cauteloso de cualquier persona que venga a su puerta que ofrece realizar servicios de reparación. Si usted esta afuera cuando está acercado, no se deje captar en conversación y no permita que le conduzcan lejos o en su hogar.

La ley de Illinois requiere a personas contratadas a la reparación casera y remodelando (1) provea de los clientes un folleto titulado la "Reparación Casera: Sepa Sus Derechos Del Consumidor;" y (2) informe a los clientes sus derechos de cancelar un contrato casero de la reparación en tres días, cuando la transacción vale 25 dolares o más y el contrato se firma cuando el vendedor o el contratista está presente en su residencia. No firme contrato que describe el derecho de cancelar en tres días, omita la fecha de la venta, o contiene espacios en blanco.

Si usted sospechosa a un contratista que se le acerca, o si usted cree que usted ha estado victimizado, llame al departamento de policía inmediatamente al 9-1-1. Es importante que haga su reporte inmediatamente. Muy pocos fraudes se reportan y dejan libres los contratistas sin licencias que roben a otros.

El Trabajo en la Calle Williams Continua; Reconstrucción en la Calle Lake Marian esta 70% Completo

La construcción en la calle Lake Marian reasumió en la calle Williams esta primavera después de que el proyecto fue parado durante el invierno. El proyecto esta aproximadamente 70% completo.

La finalización del proyecto entero se anticipa mas tardar en el verano. Recuerde por favor que esto es un emplazamiento de construcción. Hay letreros indicando camino cerrado, barricadas y un desvío fijado de dirigir tráfico afueras de la construcción. Mientras que el camino debe ser pasable para que los residentes tengan acceso a sus propiedades dentro de la zona de la construcción, los conductores siempre deben proceder lentamente y con la precaución, permaneciendo alerta para los materiales, los trabajadores y el equipo de construcción.

Sea enterado que el departamento del policía está publicando los boletos para los vehiculos que viajan con la zona de la construcción, y que no obedecen el letrero fijado.

Recordatorio de las Etiquetas Engomadas de Vehículo

Las etiquetas engomadas de vehículo de la aldea para el año 2005-2006 están disponibles en el departamento de finanzas y se deben comprar y exhibir antes de 1 de julio.

Nuevo residentes y personas de la aldea que han comprado un vehículo nuevo tienen 60 días en cual comprar una etiqueta engomada de vehículo. Prueba de la compra o fecha de mudanza será requerida.

Los dueños de los vehiculos que no exhiben una etiqueta engomada válida están conforme a las multas que se extienden de 50 a 500 dolares. Por favor de comunicarse con el departamento de finanzas con cualquier pregunta al 847-551-3476.

¿Cansado del Agua No-ablandada? ¡Nosotros Tambien, Pero la Situación Casi se ha Remediado, y el Extremo Está en Vista!

El proyecto de la facilidad del tratamiento de aguas se esperaba que se tomara varios meses, se ha tomado más de un año y el trabajo todavía no ha terminado.

Las buenas noticias son el agua ablandada debe llegar otra vez en hogares a mediado de octubre.

Dates to Remember

**Monday,
July 4**

The Village Hall will be closed in honor of Independence Day

**Monday,
September 5**

The Village Hall will be closed in honor of Labor Day

Trash collection one day later than usual

Please remember that trash will be collected one day later than usual the week of July 4 and September 5 due to the 4th of July and Labor Day holidays

A friendly reminder:

Village Vehicle stickers must be displayed no later than July 1.

Planning to Cool Off in a Backyard Pool This Summer? Keep an Eagle Eye on Kids, and Have a Latch Gate

With warmer temperatures just around the corner, families will soon be jumping into the pool for summertime relief. But with that fun comes the danger of drowning. Home Safety Council research shows that drowning is the second leading cause of home injury-related children. Even homes with a spa are at increased risk.

Some recommendations from the Home Safety Council are as follows:

Practice constant adult supervision at all times when children are around any body of water. Adults must stay within an arm's reach of young children when they are near water.

Older children should not be left in charge of younger children in the pool area.

When you have pool parties, formally assign adults to pool supervision duties to ensure the children are watched closely throughout the party.

Install four-sided fencing that isolates the pool and spa from the home. Four-sided pool fencing is proven to be an effective drowning prevention intervention. Pool fencing should be at least five feet high and have self-locking and self-closing gates.

Position gate latches out of the reach of young children and never prop the gate open or disable the latch.

Clear debris, clutter and pool toys from the deck and adjoining pathways to prevent slips and falls.

Post a cordless, water-resistant phone in the pool area and post emergency numbers near the pool area.

Enroll non-swimmers in swimming lessons taught by a qualified instructor.

Never swim alone. Even experienced swimmers and adults should always swim with a buddy.

Learn and practice lifesaving techniques, including First aid and CPR. Require that anyone who cares for your children learn CPR.

Keep poolside rescue equipment near the pool area.

At a public swimming pool, don't rely exclusively on lifeguards to watch your children. Drowning occurs suddenly and silently. The most certain way to prevent a drowning is for parents to stay within arm's reach of their small children at all times around any standing water.



Concert and Fireworks in the Park!!!!

If you enjoy fireworks, consider attending the concert and fireworks display at Carpenter Park on Saturday, June 25. Co-sponsored by the Dundee Township Park District and the Village of Carpentersville, the concert will feature Kraig Kenning performing folk and blues music, and the Old Plank All Stars performing mountain, country, pop, rock, and classic hits. The concerts will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the fireworks show will follow, starting at approximately 9:30 p.m. For information about the concert, call the Dundee Township Park District at 847-428-7131.

**Please . . .
Be a doggone
good neighbor**
Keep your dog tied
up or fenced in on
your own property.
When walking your
dog, always keep it
on a leash and under
your control, and
carry a plastic bag for
clean up.

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