

VILLAGE TO BE HIGHLIGHTED ON CHANNEL 11 IN NOVEMBER

Channel 11 will be airing a show that takes viewers on a trip along the historic Fox River from the Chain-o-Lakes to Aurora. Featured in this tour will be Raceway Woods and the motor speedway. Show to be aired on November 28th at 7:30 p.m. Make sure to tune in.

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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MAIN STREET BRIDGE

The new Main Street Bridge officially opened to traffic on September 20, 2006. This bridge is one of only three nearby bridges crossing the Fox River (Route 62 and Route 72 being the others), and of the three it is the only bridge owned and maintained by a municipality.

Over 20,000 vehicles use this bridge on a normal day. The new bridge includes the same number of traffic lanes (one in each direction) as did the old bridge, but it also includes a new bike path lane across the Fox River. This is one part of a long-term plan to improve bike and pedestrian access across the river and through the community, and also to provide connections to other communities.

Work will continue on the bridge until early November, with one lane periodically closed to traffic during working hours between 7 am and 4 pm. This work will include completing sidewalk construction, landscape and restoration. The final work will be completed in early November with the installation of a bicycle railing on the bridge and new decorative street lights between Lincoln Avenue and Washington Street.

Please drive carefully, and thank you for your patience during the construction of this once in a lifetime project.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM



By joining a Neighborhood Watch program, you can help fight crime in your neighborhood the most effective way – before it happens.

Neighborhood Watch involves neighbors getting to know each other and working together

to look after their neighborhoods, to recognize and report suspicious activities, and to implement crime prevention and home security measures. Neighborhood Watch members are not expected to intervene directly in possible criminal activity. Instead, they report unusual activity to police.

The continuity and success of a Neighborhood Watch hinge on a person known as the Block Captain. The Block Captain is a community member who acts as a liaison between those who live in a particular area and the officers who patrol that area. Officers pass along crime prevention tips and information to members of the community through the Block Captain and through neighborhood meetings.

If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch, please call Officer Manny Figueroa at 847-551-3481, extension 253, or contact him via email at afigueroa@vil.carpentersville.il.us.

SEATBELTS FOR SAFETY

Record numbers of drivers are wearing seatbelts. Are you one of them?



Seatbelts save lives. In 2005, a nationwide survey conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration showed that 82% of drivers use seatbelts – the highest level in the nation's history. In the same year, the U.S. Department of Transportation reported that traffic fatalities had hit a historic low: 1.46 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled.

Even if your automobile is equipped with airbags, using seatbelts makes sense. In most vehicles, air bags are installed only in the front and inflate only in frontal crashes. In rear or side crashes and rollovers, the seatbelt can save you from serious injury or death. In addition, air bags inflate rapidly in a crash. If you are not buckled up, you could be thrown too close to the air bag and be seriously injured or even killed.

Wearing a seatbelt is not only smart, but it's the law. Police can stop you for not wearing a seatbelt, and fines can be costly.

VILLAGE OF CARPENTERSVILLE REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX REFERENDUM

On November 7, 2006, voters will be asked whether or not the Village of Carpentersville should impose a real estate transfer tax. Following are facts regarding the question:

What is a real estate transfer tax?

A real estate transfer tax is a tax imposed on the privilege of transferring certain interests in real estate located in the Village.

How much is the tax?

The tax proposed is at a rate of \$3.00 per each \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of the purchase price or consideration paid for the real estate. For example, the transfer tax on the transfer of interest in real estate sold for \$200,000.00 would be \$600.00.

I own a home in Carpentersville; when I sell, will I have to pay the transfer tax?

No, as a seller, you will not have to pay the tax. The real estate transfer tax is paid by the purchaser of your home.

I want to move into another home in Carpentersville. Will I pay the transfer tax on the purchase of my new home?

No, the ordinance exempts transfers from any person who has owned, occupied and sold a residential property within the Village within two years of purchasing the new home. (An actual exchange of real property within the Village also is exempt, except that the money difference or money's worth paid for one or the other is not exempt.)

Why does the Village desire to enact a real estate transfer tax?

The revenue generated by the transfer tax will be utilized to fund roadway and infrastructure improvements within the Village. The imposition of a real estate transfer tax will not be borne by the current residents of the Village. Rather, the tax is imposed on those persons purchasing real property within the Village.

What are the benefits of this tax to the residents of the Village?

The real estate transfer tax will allow the Village to fund a number of roadway and infrastructure improvements.

How much additional revenue will the real estate transfer tax generate?

The new tax could generate \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00 annually.

If approved, can the Village increase the rate of the real estate transfer tax at any time?

No, voter approval of a referendum is required for any additional increase.

For more information, contact Finance Director Lisa Happ at 847-551-3476.



CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS REQUIRED UNDER NEW STATE LAW

Legislation was recently passed by the Illinois General Assembly to require approved carbon monoxide alarms in all dwelling units. Public Act 094-0741 defines a dwelling unit as a room or suite of rooms used for human habitation, and includes a single-family residence and each living unit in a mixed-use building. It goes on to state that every dwelling unit shall be equipped with at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in an operating condition within 15 feet of every sleeping room used for sleeping purposes. The carbon monoxide alarm may be combined with smoke detecting devices provided that the combined unit complies with the respective provisions of the administrative code, reference standards, and departmental rules relating to both smoke detecting devices and carbon monoxide alarms and provided that the combined unit emits an alarm in a manner that clearly differentiates the hazard.

Every multi-family structure shall contain at least one approved carbon monoxide alarm in operating condition within 15 feet of every room used for sleeping purposes.

It is the responsibility of the owner of a structure to supply and install all required alarms. It is the responsibility of a tenant to test and provide general maintenance for the alarms within the tenant's dwelling unit or rooming unit, and to notify the owner or authorized agent of the owner in writing of any deficiencies that the tenant cannot correct. The owner is responsible for providing one tenant per dwelling unit with written information regarding alarm testing and maintenance. The tenant is responsible for the replacement of any required batteries in the carbon monoxide alarms in the tenant's dwelling unit.

This law goes into effect January 1, 2007. Any questions, contact the Fire Chief's Office at 847-426-2131.



WINTER REMODELING PROJECTS

Planning a remodeling project this fall or winter? Be sure to apply for and receive an interior demolition and interior remodeling permits before starting work. Double permit fees, with a \$150 minimum, are charged for all construction projects started before permits are issued. If you have any questions about your winter projects, contact the Community Development Department at 847-551-3478.

Village Phone Numbers

Village Hall
847-426-3439

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

Engineering Department
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
911

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



Don Hebert, Dan Culp, Joe Warczak, Brian Matejkowski, Spencer Peterson, Tom Szekeres, Jim Callahan, Rob Eichinger, Dave Hernandez (top of machine), Bob Jeschke, George Stange, Paul Nespor, Chuck Duckett, Jack Clifton (Superintendent).

STREET DIVISION

The Street Division of Public Works currently employs 19 workers. Their primary responsibilities are the maintenance and repair of 100 miles of roadway, 4 parks, 75 vehicles and assorted pieces of equipment. The Division is also responsible for street sweeping, tree trimming, storm cleanup, signage, pothole patching, snow plowing and ice control of streets and municipal lots and pavement markings. In past years, the street maintenance program consisted of and was limited to pothole patching. In the summer of 2005 a street overlay program was initiated and was somewhat successful, but was limited due to lack of reliable equipment. During the 2006 Budget process several pieces of equipment were purchased that would enable the expansion of the overlay program. At the beginning of the 2006 construction season a list of approximately 26 roads scheduled to be repaired was sent to all Village residents. As the program evolved, several roadways were added to the original list due to their rapid rate of deterioration. Because of these additions, some roadways that were scheduled for repair this summer will be rescheduled for the summer of 2007. For more information, visit the Village Website at <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us>

In addition to this summer's road construction project, Street crews have been busy replacing street signs. The newly designed signs are blue and white with the Carpentersville logo on them. The new signs are also made in-house using our newly acquired sign making machine.

WINTER FIRE PREVENTION

Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires in the United States. (December, January, February) Most heating equipment fires start as a result of misuse or improper maintenance. Install and maintain heating equipment correctly, and be sure it complies with local fire building codes.

Portable and other Space Heaters

Portable and space heaters can be either electric or fueled by gas, liquid fuel (kerosene), or solid fuel (wood or coal). All types must be placed at least 36 inches (1 meter) away from anything that can burn, such as wallpaper, bedding, clothing, pets and people. Never leave space heaters operating when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep. Don't leave children or pets unattended with space heaters, and be sure everyone understands that drying clothing or placing combustibles over heaters is a fire hazard. If you have an electric space heater check each season for fraying or splitting wires and overheating.

Fireplaces

Have your chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season and cleaned if necessary. Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in the chimneys and can cause a chimney fire if not properly cleaned. Always protect your home and your family by using a sturdy screen when burning fires. Remember to burn only wood, never burn paper, or pine boughs, which can float out the chimney and ignite your roof or a neighboring home. Never use flammable liquids in a fireplace.

Candles

Please use care when burning candles. During past years, the Carpentersville Fire Department responded to several fires that resulted in damage to homes caused by candles. Do not leave the room with a candle burning. Use care when burning a candle around small children or pets. Make sure that candles are placed on a flat surface and away from combustible items.



ALDEA DE CARPENTERSVILLE/QUADCOM 9-1-1 REFERÉNDUM DE SOBRECARGA

INFORMACIÓN/INFORME

El martes, 7 de noviembre del 2006, votantes en Carpentersville, East Dundee, Sleepy Hollow y West Dundee se pide aprobar un aumento de \$1.00 para el 9-1-1 esta sobrecarga será por cada línea telefónica. Este aumento tomaría la actual carga de \$0.65 y el total será de \$1.65. Esto añadiría el costo de \$12.00 por año en cada línea de teléfono dentro de Carpentersville, así el costo por año por cada línea de teléfono aumentaría de \$7.80 a \$19.80 por año.

En 1989, residentes del Municipio de Dundee, votó por medio de un referéndum, para mejorar el sistema telefónico del 9-1-1 y el sistema computarizado de despacho. Con un aumento de mantenimiento de \$0.65 por línea. El Centro del Despacho de QuadCom ha tenido que hacer numerosos cambios tecnológicos, inclusive la renovación del edificio de su propia facilidad del 9-1-1 en 1996.

En el 2004, para continuar ofreciendo servicios a residentes a un nivel excepcional ha como están acostumbrados. QuadCom tuvo que reemplazar su Sistema Telefónica del 9-1-1 y el Sistema Computarizado del despacho de ayuda así como con las principales mejoras del estado de arte. Con estas últimas mejoras proveerá tener contestadores de emergencia más cercanas a la ubicación del incidente y también localizar con toda precisión las llamadas celulares. Este aumento tuvo un costo de 1.3 millones de dólares y sólo fue logrado por medio de un préstamo.

QuadCom se ha embarcado también con la construcción de un centro de reserva de comunicaciones que esta localizado dentro de un existente edificio público de seguridad en West Dundee. Este centro de reserva tendrá en cuenta la habilidad para llamadas de emergencia para ser manejadas en caso que el centro actual llegase ha ser inutilizable por desastre natural o desastre echo por el hombre. La financiación para este proyecto fue obtenida por la administración de QuadCom por una beca federal; sin embargo la beca sólo cubre la compra del equipo/artículos de tecnología. Esto no cubre los costos del tronco de la línea telefónica de re-ocurrir al 9-1-1.

Sobre los últimos 5 años el volumen de llamadas ha aumentado por sobre 33% mientras rentas han disminuido por 25 %. QuadCom ha desarrollado un plan principal de mejoras para los próximos cinco años y se espera que tenga que hacer sobre \$600,000.00 en mejoras adicionales en áreas de comunicaciones de radio, de tecnología y mantenimiento y la conservación para cubrir todo su equipo. Para el 2013, QuadCom debe emigrar todas sus frecuencias de radio para estrechar la banda las frecuencias digitales. La Comisión Federal de Comunicaciones ha puesto bajo el mandato todas agencias públicas de la seguridad en los Estados Unidos y ha conformado con esta ordenanza.

Si usted necesita información adicional, o tiene preguntas o los comentarios puede dirigirse al Director de QuadCom, Steve Cordes 847-428-8787.

ALDEA DE CARPENTERSVILLE

REFERÉNDUM DEL IMPUESTO DE TRANSFERENCIA DE BIENES RAÍCES

El 7 de noviembre del 2006, los votantes se les preguntara si o no deberá la Aldea de Carpentersville imponer un impuesto de transferencia de bienes raíces. Lo que sigue son los hechos con respecto a la pregunta:

¿Qué es un impuesto de transferencia de bienes raíces?

Un impuesto de transferencia de bienes raíces es un impuesto con el privilegio de transferir ciertos intereses en bienes raíces localizados en la Aldea.

¿Cuánto es el impuesto?

El impuesto propuesto está a una tasa de \$3.00 por cada \$1,000.00 o la fracción del mismo precio de compra o si es considerado ser pagado por los bienes raíces. Por ejemplo, el impuesto de transferencia en la transferencia del interés en bienes raíces vendidos por \$200,000.00 serían \$600.00.

¿Poseo un hogar en Carpentersville; cuando venda, tendré que pagar yo el impuesto de transferencia?

No, como un vendedor, usted no tendrá que pagar el impuesto. El impuesto de la transferencia de bienes raíces es pagado por el comprador de su hogar.

Quiero cambiarme a otro hogar en Carpentersville. ¿Pagaré yo el impuesto de transferencia en la compra de mi nuevo hogar?

No, la ordenanza excusa las transferencias de cualquier persona que ha poseído, ha ocupado y ha vendido una propiedad residencial dentro de la Aldea dentro de dos años de comprar el nuevo hogar. (Un cambio verdadero de bienes raíces dentro de la Aldea es también exento, sino que la diferencia de dinero o valor de dinero pagaron por uno o el otro no es exento.)

¿Por qué desea la Aldea establecer un impuesto de transferencia de bienes raíces?

La ganancia producida por el impuesto de la transferencia se utilizará para financiar las mejoras de calzadas y de infraestructuras dentro de la Aldea. La imposición del impuesto de transferencia de bienes raíces no será soportada por los residentes actuales de la Aldea. Si no, el impuesto se impone ha esas personas que compran los bienes raíces dentro de la Aldea.

¿Cuáles son los beneficios de este impuesto para los residentes de la Aldea?

El impuesto de la transferencia de bienes raíces permitirá la Aldea financiar varias mejoras de calzadas y de infraestructura.

¿Cuánto mas producirá este impuesto de transferencia de bienes raíces?

El nuevo impuesto podría producir de \$400,000.00 a \$500,000.00 anualmente.

¿Si es aprobado, puede aumentar la Aldea la tasa del impuesto de transferencia de bienes raíces en cualquier tiempo?

No, la aprobación de votos de un referéndum se requiere para cualquier aumento adicional.

VILLAGE OF CARPENTERSVILLE / QUADCOM 9-1-1 SURCHARGE REFERENDUM INFORMATION / FACT SHEET

On Tuesday, November 7th, 2006 voters in Carpentersville, East Dundee, Sleepy Hollow and West Dundee are being asked to approve a \$1.00 increase in the 9-1-1 surcharge on each landline telephone. This increase would take the current \$0.65 charge and increase it to \$1.65. This increase would add a cost of \$12.00 per year on each phone line within Carpentersville; thus the cost per year for each landline phone would increase from \$7.80 to \$19.80 per year.

In 1989 Dundee Township residents, by means of a referendum, voted to fund an enhanced 9-1-1 telephone system and computerized dispatch system with a fee of \$0.65 per line. The QuadCom Dispatch Center has gone through numerous technological and capital upgrades including the building of its own 9-1-1 facility in 1996.

In 2004, to continue the exceptional level of service residents have become accustomed to, QuadCom replaced both the enhanced 9-1-1 telephone system and computer aided dispatch system as well as other capital upgrades to provide state of the art improvements that would allow for provisions for dispatching emergency responders that are closest to the location of the incident as well as pinpointing of cellular calls. This upgrade had a cost of 1.3 million dollars and was only able to be done through a loan.

QuadCom has also embarked on the construction of a back-up communications center to be located within an existing public safety building in West Dundee. This back-up center would allow emergency calls to be handled in the event the current center becomes unusable due to either a natural or man made disaster. The funding for this project was obtained by QuadCom management through a federal grant; however, the grant only covers the purchase of equipment / technology items. It does not cover the re-occurring 9-1-1 telephone trunk line costs.

Over the last 5 years the call volume has increased by over 33% while revenues have decreased by 25%. QuadCom has developed a capital improvement plan for the next five years and anticipates making over \$600,000.00 in additional improvements in areas of radio communications, technology and maintenance fees to cover all of its equipment. By 2013, QuadCom must migrate all of its radio frequencies to narrow band digital frequencies. The Federal Communications Commission has mandated that all public safety agencies in the United States comply with this mandate.

Requests for additional information, questions or comments may be directed to the Director of QuadCom, Steve Cordes 847-428-8787.

CODE VIOLATION HOTLINE

The Community Development Department introduces a **CODE VIOLATION HOTLINE**.

Call **847-426-9600** anytime to anonymously report overcrowding, weeds, trash, graffiti, work without building permits, or other code violations or public nuisances in your neighborhood.

SEASONAL REMINDERS

1. Disconnect garden hoses from outside faucets during the winter months to avoid possible damage.
2. As we approach this fall season, leaves will begin to fall from trees. Remember it is prohibited to rake leaves into the street.
3. The last day for yardwaste pick-up will be November 30th.
4. During the winter months Public Works receives numerous calls for damaged mail boxes due to snow removal. In some instances mail boxes are actually hit by snow plows, but in most cases the weight of the snow damages the post or pushes the mail box over. Remember to keep your mailbox free of snow to avoid any damage.
5. After 1" of snowfall there is no parking allowed on any Village street until the road has been cleared.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCREENING COMING IN NOVEMBER

The Carpentersville Moose Family Center, located at 309 Lake Marian Road, is hosting a health screening for the community on Thursday, November 2nd. Life Line Screening will be offering ultrasound screenings for the prevention of stroke & vascular disease.

Life Line Screening includes an ultrasound of the carotid arteries in the neck to determine if you are at risk for stroke. Up to 75% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage. Screening for the arteries of the legs is offered to check for peripheral artery disease, which is linked to heart disease. A third test is performed for aneurysms in the aortic vessel of the abdomen. Life Line also offers a bone density screening to test for early detection of osteoporosis. All tests are read by a board certified vascular physician or radiologist.

These non-invasive, completely painless, ultrasound screenings take about 10 minutes each. Each of the 3 vascular tests are offered for \$45.00 each, Osteoporosis for \$35.00. Complete vascular screening (3 tests) for \$109.00 or all four tests for \$129.00. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Appointment times fill quickly so please call 800-324-1851 for your appointment or for more information.



RECEIVE A DISCOUNT ON YOUR FLOOD INSURANCE

Effective May 1st all residents with flood insurance started receiving a 10% discount on their insurance premiums. This past year the Village participated in the Community Rating System (CRS), which is a program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) where residents receive discounts on flood insurance premiums. Carpentersville participated in a series of floodplain management activities in order to qualify for the CRS discount. The best part is there is no need for residents to do anything to receive this discount. The Village has already done everything for you. Your insurance

agent is notified through a national database and will automatically deduct the appropriate amount from your flood insurance premium.

As part of the CRS program the Village now offers the following information by request:

- Whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SPHA) as shown on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) of the Village.
- Additional flood insurance data for a site, such as the FIRM zone and the base flood elevation or depth, if shown on the FIRM.
- A handout on the flood insurance purchase requirement that can help people who need a mortgage or loan for a property in the SFHA.
- Elevation certificates are available.

For more information, contact the Engineering Department at 847-551-3480. Please supply the street address and, if available, the subdivision, lot and block number. There is no charge for this service.

There are mandatory flood insurance requirements for development in the floodplain, but for some homeowners flood insurance is an option. Flood insurance is highly recommended because no flood-proofing measure is 100% foolproof. Please take the time to contact your insurance carrier and to consider flood insurance for your home.

For more information on the Federal Emergency Management Agency and flood safety, please visit the following websites: www.fema.gov or www.fema.gov/nfip

**Village Hall
will be closed**

**November 23 & 24
Thanksgiving Holiday**

**December 25 & 26
Christmas Holiday**

**January 1
New Years Day**



The recommended trick or treat hours are 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for all children. Halloween is on a Tuesday this year and all motorists are asked to pay extra attention to children crossing the street.

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