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FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Fall/Winter 2014

WELCOME YOUR NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR



Hitesh Desai joins the Carpentersville team after over 15 years of municipal finance experience as an Accountant, Assistant Finance Director, and Accounting Manager among other executive capacities. He has worked with Mount Prospect, Wood Dale, and Evanston. He received his undergraduate degree in business from Gujarat University in India, and received his Public Accountant Certification (CPA) upon arrival to the United States.

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Carpentersville Police Department will be hosting a Citizen Police Academy. Classes are scheduled to start January 15th, 2015 and will last from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. every Thursday night through March 19th, 2015. The Citizen Police academy is free and will be held in the Police Department's Training Room. This is an opportunity for citizens to gain insight into the many different and sometimes complex tasks that law enforcement officers partake and encounter on a regular basis. It also provides responsible citizens with a comprehensive knowledge of police operations, practices, and objectives. Participants in the Academy will learn how they can help keep our community crime-free and become resources for improved community and police relations.

The Citizen Police Academy provides a hands-on mechanism for educating the public about the criminal justice system and ways to deter crime. The overall goals of this program are to understand police work, explain the operations of police agencies, and encourage private citizens to undertake appropriate security measures. Carpentersville Police Personnel conduct classes and training which are coordinated by Community Resource Officer Joe Pilarski.

The Academy is not designed to certify participants as police officers, nor does it give graduates the authority to act as police officers.

The Academy is open to all residents who are twenty-one years of age or older. If interested, please contact Officer Pilarski at jpilarski@vil.carpentersville.il.us or at (224) 293-1700. The application deadline is December 15, 2014.

FOX RIVER CORRIDOR STUDY UNDERWAY

The Villages of Carpentersville and Algonquin, Forest Preserve District of Kane County and the McHenry County Conservation District, with the assistance of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, are collaborating in a study to examine ways to enhance recreational and leisure opportunities within the Fox River Corridor. The study is evaluating methods to increase access to the river, improve water quality, provide trail linkages to area forest preserves such as Raceway Woods, Brunner and Fox River Shores, improve east-west connectivity to the Fox River Trail, and enhance the riverfront areas of the Villages.

Among the issues the planning exercise will address are the following:

- Safe walking/bicycling connections between key destinations along the riverfront.
- A network of bicycle trails that will link to the regional greenway system (Fox River Trail and Prairie Trail) as well as connect cyclists to local shopping, institutions and other neighborhoods.
- Environmental features and conditions within the river and riverfront, including vegetation, park space and water quality.
- Accessibility to important recreational features on and along the river, including park space, bicycling, paddling and fishing.
- A future land use plan along the riverfront within the study area that is based on public input and the results of an existing conditions report.

The next public meeting of the Fox River Corridor planning visioning meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, from 6:30p.m. - 8:00p.m. at the Carpentersville Public Works Facility located at 1075 Tamarac Drive, Carpentersville, Illinois.

MAPLE AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION COMPLETE



The Village of Carpentersville is proud to announce the completion of the Maple Avenue reconstruction project! See Page 2 for details.

ENGINEERING DIVISION PROJECT INFORMATION

2014 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS

Maple Avenue Reconstruction Project

The Village has completed the Maple Avenue reconstruction project. The project included new pavement, curb and gutter, as well as a new water main, storm sewer, and sanitary sewer lining. The improvements also included a new bike path that runs from Carpenter Park to L.W. Besinger Dr. as well as a new upsized culvert at Carpenter Creek, and street lighting. The only portion of the project remaining is the planting of trees, which is planned to be completed by the end of fall. The project was primarily paid for by Federal grant funding, with the Village only needing to contribute 20% of the overall cost. Moreover, the Village portion was reduced by additional grant funding through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program, the Illinois Truck Access Route Program, and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.



Route 31 at Huntley/Main Reconstruction Project

Although the summer weather and 2014 projects are behind us, the Village of Carpentersville is already planning for the future. The Phase II design is in progress and should be completed by next summer. Roadway improvements will include intersection and approach widening/reconstruction, as well as new traffic signals at Route 31 and Huntley Road. The project will also include the reconstruction and approach widening of Main Street and Lincoln Avenue and the reconstruction of the Main street hill section. Construction is anticipated to begin 2016. Grants from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) program and Kane-Kendall Council of Mayors - Surface Transportation Program (KKCOM-STP) encompass the majority of the financing for the project.

2014 MFT/CDBG Resurfacing and Sidewalk Program

Construction is complete for roadway and sidewalk improvements for Papoose Road (Helm to Navajo) and Cordova and Granada (Amarillo to Alameda). 50% of this project was funded with Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds and 50% from CDBG funds that the Village received through a grant from Kane County. The project included replacement of existing carriage walk, ADA compliant upgrades, 2-inch asphalt resurfacing, select base repair, and pavement markings.

2014 MFT Westside Resurfacing and Sidewalk Program

Roadway and sidewalk improvements will begin late October for Miller Rd. (Randall to Huntley), Deerpath Ct., Goldfinch Ct., Forest View Ct., Quail Ct., Woodside Ct., and Meadowsedge Ln. This work will be funded with Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds. Improvements include removal and replacement of select sidewalk for ADA compliant upgrades, 2-inch asphalt resurfacing, select base repair and pavement markings.

2014 Roadway Repair Project

Construction is complete for roadway and sidewalk improvements for Spring St./Cleveland Ave. (Lord to Wilmette), Carpenter Blvd. (Edwards to Maple), Binnie Rd. (Village Limits to Randall) and Grandview Dr. (Randall to Sleepy Hollow). The selected roadways were in poor condition and failed further as the harsh winter saturated and froze the existing road base resulting in heavy heaving and pavement failure. Improvements included select removal and replacement of existing sidewalk and curb and gutter, ADA compliant upgrades, 2-inch asphalt resurfacing, select base repair and pavement markings.

2014 MFT Sidewalk Repair Program

Construction is complete for the Sidewalk Repair Program. The Village continues to replace failed and deteriorated concrete sidewalks throughout the Village, using monies received from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund. Select sidewalk was replaced on residential streets in the area east of IL-31, north of Spring St., and west of L.W. Besinger Drive. This will minimize failed sidewalk sections and trip hazards.

Carpenter Creek Restoration Project

Engineering work is underway for floodplain improvements along Carpenter Creek from Maple Avenue to 1300+/- upstream. This will remove 44 structures out of the existing floodplain. The project scope was increased to reduce nonpoint source pollution and increase water quality. Two separate IEPA grant applications (Section 319 & IGIG) were submitted. The Village was successful in receiving \$628,000 towards the estimated total costs of \$1.1M for all improvements. Construction is anticipated to begin the spring of 2015.

Questions about these projects should be directed to Ed Szydlowski, Engineering Manager, at the Village of Carpentersville Community Development Department at (224) 293-1637.

PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS WASHINGTON ST./MAIN ST. INTERSECTION

The Village of Carpentersville is evaluating the Washington St./Main St. intersection for possible improvements. During morning and afternoon peak traffic hours, this intersection is considered to be "failing" - a term used by traffic engineers to indicate that traffic flow has shut down. Additionally, turning movements can be difficult.

The intersection is also a part of the larger area traffic system, which the Village is also assessing. Fox River Trail cyclists crossing at Main Street or pedestrians utilizing Main Street crosswalks also add to traffic and safety concerns. Traffic backups also create illegal "cut-through" driving behavior in area parking lots and create extreme difficulties for area residents to back out of their driveways.

The Village is approaching the assessment of the Washington St./Main St. intersection with an open mind and is considering remedies such as traffic signals and turning lanes or a traffic roundabout. There are pros and cons of each alternative.

A public workshop to consider options and solicit public input for Washington St./Main St. and the area's traffic system will be held 5:30-7:30 pm, Wednesday, December 10, at the Public Works Building, 1075 Tamarac Drive.

GARBAGE COLLECTION REMINDERS

2014 YARD WASTE COLLECTION ENDS NOVEMBER 28TH

The last yard waste collection dates for 2014 are listed below.

Garbage Pick Up Day.....	Last Yard Waste Pick Up Day
Wednesday	Wednesday, November 26th
Thursday	Friday, November 28th

Yard waste collection begins again on your regular pick up day on or after April 1, 2015.

REMAINING 2014 GARBAGE HOLIDAYS

All refuse, recycling and yard waste services scheduled for the collection week shall be delayed by one day if the holiday falls on or before the regular collection day of that week.

Regular Pick Up Day	Delayed Pick Up Day
Thanksgiving Day, November 27th	Friday, November 28th
Christmas Day, December 25th	Friday, December 26th
New Year's Day, January 1, 2015	Friday, January 2, 2015

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

All Christmas trees must be at the curb the day of collection. All lights, tinsel, and garland must be removed from the tree.

Garbage Day Pick Up.....	First Day of Tree Collection.....	Last Day of Tree Collection
Wednesday	Wednesday, January 7th	Wednesday, January 14th
Thursday	Thursday, January 8th	Thursday, January 15th

For additional garbage and recycling information, please visit the "Refuse Collection" section under "Services" at the Village of Carpentersville website, <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us>, or contact the Finance Department at (847) 551-3476 or Republic Services at (847) 429-7370.

EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE

Village increases cost share from \$50 to \$100 per tree



The Village of Carpentersville is continuing its emerald ash borer (EAB) management efforts. The Village's EAB Management Plan, outlined in the Village's Emerald Ash

Borer Policy, was recommended by the Department of Public Works and ultimately approved by the Village Board of Trustees on November 20, 2012. Since discovering the first signs of the EAB in 2011, the Department of Public Works has inventoried over 2,460 ash trees located within the Village's parkways. To preserve public safety and community aesthetics, the Department of Public Works has removed over 1,383 infested trees and are scheduled to remove approximately 362 additional trees this Fall/Winter. In order to foster proactive tree replacement efforts, the Village has instituted a cost-share program. Village residents and neighborhood groups are now eligible to receive \$100 per parkway tree replaced after infested trees are removed by the Department of Public Works. To date, the Village has planted 840 trees with money received from the Village's general fund, the Village's cost-share program, video gaming revenue, and various grants. For more information regarding EAB and the EAB Management Plan, please visit the Village website or contact Department of Public Works at (224) 293-1613.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASES

- Water and Sewer rates increased on August 1, 2014 to \$5.24 and \$5.03 respectively, for every 1,000 gallons of water used. The new rates will be reflected on October 2014 bills and thereafter.
- There are no changes to the senior citizen and disability discounts.
- The Village offers several options for making Water/Sewer bill payments:
 - 24-hour drop box in the south parking lot of the Village Hall, off of Maple Avenue.
 - 24-hour drive-through drop box at Fire Station 3 (off Miller Rd).
 - By mail to P.O. Box 335, Carpentersville, IL 60110.
 - Online at <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us> with Mastercard, American Express or Discover cards.
 - By automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account (Auto Debit Program).
 - In person with cash or check at the Village Hall.
- Visit <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us> for more detailed rate information, online payment options, and our Auto Debit Program.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

On October 21, 2014, the Village Board of Trustees approved the concept of a holiday decorating contest. A small panel of judges will tour the Village and rate contest applicants. Award winners will receive recognition at the Village Board of Trustees meeting on December 16, 2014. Contest applicants will be eligible to receive up to \$700 in gift cards to local businesses just in time for the holiday shopping season! For more information about the program, please refer to the Village website at www.vil.carpentersville.il.us.

YOUR SAFETY MATTERS

Reminders from your Police Department

Lock Your Vehicle

The Carpentersville Police Department would like to remind residents to lock their vehicles at all times. Don't tempt potential intruders by leaving your purse, wallet, iPod, or packages unattended. It only takes a second to grab them. Even items of little or no value to you still look inviting to intruders; it creates the perfect opportunity for a car burglary to occur.

Package Theft

Please be vigilant and watch for suspicious activity in your neighborhood. If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. The Carpentersville Police Department has been responding to theft of packages left by residential package delivery companies. If you are expecting a package, we recommend you try to have a neighbor pick it up for you, or contact the delivery company and ask them to hold it at their location for you to pick up.

You may even be able to redirect the delivery to the location where you will be available to receive the package in person. Some of these services may cost a small fee, but it is better than discovering your package was stolen. If you see something that doesn't seem right, please report it immediately.

See It, Hear It, Report It to 911.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Village's Community Garden behind Village hall enjoyed another successful year! As always, plots filled up quickly and residents enjoyed an entire summer of rich sunlight, hearty soil, as well as a bountiful harvest season. The Gardens are a great opportunity to interact and participate in the community, and a way for those who live in homes that do not have the luxury of open space to enjoy the fruits and vegetables of their hard work! Thank you to everyone who participated this year. Sign up early for next year with Community Development as, once again, space is limited.



EVENTS IN THE PARK

The summer of 2014 hosted a number of great events in Carpenter Park. Residents and visitors were able to enjoy a music festival, firefighter appreciation day, a community yard sale, various "Movies in the Park" events, and the annual Oktoberfest event. Carpenter Park is scheduled to be completely revitalized in 2015. After construction is completed, the park will be more suitable to host large scale events and become more accessible to residents. To learn more about parks in Carpentersville or how to register or reserve a space for an event, please visit the Village website at www.vil.carpentersville.il.us

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

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
847-551-3495

Report Pot Hole Locations
847-836-2464

**After hours or weekend sewer backups
or water problems requiring Village response**
847-428-8784



**OKTOBERFEST AND
CHAMPIONSHIP
CYCLOCROSS RACING
IN CARPENTERSVILLE**

Carpenter Park was the site of Championship Cyclocross Racing and the Village’s annual Oktoberfest celebration on October 18, 2014. Approximately 700 riders competed in races throughout the day, while others enjoyed the children’s inflatable amusements, petting zoo, food court and beer garden. Festival attendees also enjoyed a performance by the Lakewood School Orchestra. Thank you to all who attended this event, food and beverage vendors and participating civic organizations. This event was sponsored by the Village of Carpentersville, Main Street Bicycles and the Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce.

VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Thanksgiving.....Thursday/Friday, November 27th & 28th, 2014

ChristmasWednesday/Thursday, December 24th & 25th, 2014

New Year’s DayThursday, January 1st, 2015

**CONSOLIDATED ELECTION IS TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015
BE SURE TO VOTE!**

Carpentersville residents can vote for three four-year term Village Board Trustees at the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election. Numerous other school, park and library district officials will also be elected. Please note the last day to register to vote in this election is Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Early voting will be available from March 23, 2015 through Saturday, April 4, 2015; any registered voter in Kane County can vote early at any facility throughout Kane County that offers this service. A list of locations offering early voting will be available on the Village of Carpentersville’s website at <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us> as information becomes available. On Election Day, voters must vote at their designated precinct; polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Please check your voter registration card for your polling place. Contact the Village Clerk’s office at (224) 293-1627 with any questions.



RACEWAY WOODS: A NEW LOOK ON AN OLD ICON

The Raceway Woods Forest Preserve has been a sought after community gem for years, a true “diamond in the rough” right off Route 31 just North of Main Street. During the 50’s and 60’s it was alive and well, with race cars roaring around the turns of the track to the backdrop of grandstands and screaming spectators. Today the sponsors are gone and the engines have fallen quiet. It provides the community a calm, forested walking space spanning over two miles of trails that follow the same racetrack as speed demons of yesteryears.

Standing in the entrance of the park is the same iconic silo that saw greats like Roger Penske and Bobby Unser screeching past. Although the races have long ended, the silo stands quietly as a reminder of the rich past the area enjoys. The Village restored the historic silo this fall, with hopes that future visitors can relish the rich history that is nestled within the community. Thank you to the Meadowdale International Raceways Preservation Association for the history and vintage photograph.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The Village currently accepts payments for parking ticket and water bills through Illinois’ E-pay System online and over the phone. Cards accepted are MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. The Village currently does not accept credit cards for transactions at Village Hall.

PUT A FREEZE ON WINTER FIRES AND KEEP THE WREATH RED



As we move closer to winter and home fires begin to increase, the Carpentersville Fire Department is reminding residents in the community that fire safety awareness and efforts are especially important. To support this effort, the Carpentersville Fire Department is sponsoring a special initiative:

Put a Freeze on Winter Fires and Keep the Wreath RED. When driving past one of Carpentersville's three fire stations, make sure to take notice of the wreath with the RED bulbs on it. If there is a fire caused by Holiday decorations a RED bulb will be replaced by a WHITE bulb each time. **Put a Freeze on Winter Fires** focuses on fire safety tips all winter long.

Each winter, an estimated 108,400 home fires occur in the United States, resulting in approximately 945 deaths and \$1.7 billion in property loss. Cooking is the leading cause of winter home fires, and holiday decorations and winter storms can cause people to turn to alternative heating sources, such as space heaters, which account for about one third of home heating fires and approximately 80 percent of home heating fire deaths.

Winter fires can be prevented! The following fire safety tips can help maintain a fire-safe home this winter season:

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking something on top of the stove or when grilling or broiling food.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from space heaters, woodstoves, etc.
- Replace damaged electrical or extension cords.
- Never use the oven or stovetop to heat a home; carbon monoxide gas can kill people and pets.
- Don't put a live Christmas tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water.
- Avoid using lighted candles; try flameless candles instead.



HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION

The Village of Carpentersville will be holding a Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. on the front lawn of Village Hall at 1200 LW Besinger Drive.

VILLAGE HONORS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNER

Ms. Laura Factly, a volunteer for School District 300, has been selected from nominations as the 2014 Village of Carpentersville Community Service Award winner. Ms. Factly has volunteered with School District 300 for eight years, helping to manage the libraries at Golfview, Parkview and Lakewood elementary schools, and has assisted many students with reading. As a Lakewood School colleague noted: "Students always get elated when they see her come to our classroom to read with them and beg to spend time working with her. She makes children feel at ease while they read with her. Her positive energy and love for reading is contagious to students around her." Congratulations, Laura and thank you for your great service to our community! The Community Service Awards Celebration is sponsored by the Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce, and honors individuals who make a difference from Carpentersville, Gilberts, Sleepy Hollow and East and West Dundee.

CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY 2014

On September 3, 2014, we launched our first annual Citizens Fire Academy class. This is a ten week class that meets every Wednesday night from 6pm-9pm. There are ten Carpentersville residents in the class and they have been gaining useful insight into the following fire and safety-related services:

- Inner workings of CFD
- CPR certification
- Engine operations
- Vehicle extrication
- Technical rescue
- Search and rescue
- Operating hose lines
- Fire behavior
- Communications



With an eventful classroom environment, the participants are getting firsthand knowledge and experience of what it takes to protect our community as a Carpentersville Firefighter.



2014 TREE PLANTING

The Village completed the 2014 Tree Planting project which included the purchase and planting of parkway trees that have been removed as a result of the EAB. The Village was able to distribute the trees equitably throughout the community, and make a sizable dent in the overall hurdle that Ash tree replacement has

proven to be. Eight species were selected from the available indigenous species and will be a significant contribution to the village's biodiversity and urban forest, in keeping with the ethos of our "Tree City USA" distinction. Residents are reminded to take advantage of the tree cost share program, which has recently been expanded, and will reimburse a resident \$100 of the purchase costs. Please contact the Village's Public Works Department for further details.

CARPENTERSVILLE WATER DIVISION

(Please Complete Survey)

Dear Water Customer:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires that all water systems in the State of Illinois have an effective Cross Connection Control Program in place to protect the public water supply from contamination. Cross connections within the public water supply are a serious concern, as they can allow contaminants or pollutants to enter the public water system through what is called "backflow." Backflow occurs when a drop in water pressure causes your water to flow in the opposite direction. This can allow contaminated or polluted water to flow back into your drinking water. Given IEPA regulations and the dangers that exist from unprotected cross connections, it is necessary to establish and maintain an effective cross connection control program to protect the public water supply and its water customers.

One required component in this program is a biennial survey of the water system to determine where cross connections exist. Below is a survey for your service location that we are requesting you complete and submit to the Carpentersville Water Division.

Please remove and complete survey, then mail to: Village of Carpentersville, Attn: Dean Gorter, 1200 L.W. Besinger Dr., Carpentersville, IL 60110. If you prefer the survey can be completed and submitted on the web at: <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us/Services/PublicWorks/WaterDepartmentSurvey.asp>

The Village of Carpentersville is proud of the water that we deliver to you every day. By working together and cooperating with this critical program, we can further protect our water from potential contamination. Should you have any questions, please contact the water department at (847) 551-3492. Thank you for your assistance.

Backflow Device / Cross Connection Survey

Service Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

1. Property Classification: (check one)

Residential

Commercial

2. Are there any backflow devices at your location?

Yes

No

Not Sure

3. If yes, please check where they are located:

On Lawn Irrigation System

On Fire Sprinkler System

On Boiler (excluding hot water heater)

On Alternate Water Source

Not Sure

4. If yes, what is the:

Manufacturer: _____

Model: _____

Serial #: _____

Size: _____

5. Does your business:

Use any type of chemicals?

Have any equipment that uses water (excluding appliances)

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VILLAGE SNAPSHOT



New to the Village website! We would like to provide our residents with a "Snapshot" of how Village staff is constantly striving to meet and exceed the Village Goals set forth by the Village Board of Trustees for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. In the chart on the website you will see a list of metrics for each department along with the goal and the actual year to date (YTD) statistic for each of the metrics. These metrics will be updated on a monthly basis. This will help provide our residents with a means of following the progress of the Village Staff throughout the year.

You can visit the Village Snapshot webpage via the Village Website, or by going to: <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us/services/VillageSnapshot.asp>

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



The Village of Carpentersville now has a Facebook page where our residents can track the latest news, events, and alerts happening in the Village.

Follow the Village on Facebook by going to www.facebook.com/VillageOfCarpentersville and "Like" our page in order to receive all the updates through your Facebook News Feed. You can also find a link to our Facebook page from the Village Website. We look forwards to providing you with the latest news and even information and pictures.

"EVERY CARTON HAS A FUTURE. DON'T THROW IT AWAY. RECYCLE TODAY!"



All of your favorite food and beverage cartons can live on, long after their contents are gone. This includes cartons you use everyday — milk, orange juice, or creamer cartons that go into the refrigerator, along with non-refrigerated cartons like children's juice boxes, soup broth, soy milk, or protein drinks.

By recycling cartons, you give them a new future as paper towels, napkins, and even building materials. It's easy, just put your clean, empty cartons into your recycling cart. Waste has no place in Carpentersville. In 2011 alone, 1,505 tons were been diverted from landfills. This saved \$79,765 in fees charged by landfills. We can still do better. Too many recyclable cartons are still going to our landfills. By recycling cartons, you help The Village of Carpentersville save money, and help the environment. Recycled paper production creates 74% less air pollution than non-recycled paper.

It's easy to make a difference — just put your clean, empty cartons in your recycling cart. Every carton has a future. Don't throw it away. Recycle your cartons today!

Village Board Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall.