



VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Memorial Day Monday, May 27th
 Independence Day Thursday, July 4th
 Labor Day.....Monday, September 2nd
 Thanksgiving.....Thursday/Friday, November 28th & 29th
 Christmas Tuesday/Wednesday, December 24th & 25th
 New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1st

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

TAKE PRIDE IN OUR PARKS • YOUR INPUT MATTERS

Monday, May 6, 2013 • Monday, May 13, 2013 • Wednesday, May 29, 2013

6:30 P.M.

The Village of Carpentersville is in the process of generating a comprehensive plan for our local parks and a master plan for Carpenter Park. To accomplish this, the Village would like to engage residents and other interested parties who might have suggestions and comments related to future park upgrades. There will be a total of three public meetings that local residents can attend. The meeting schedule is listed below.

Date	Time	Subject	Location
Monday, May 6, 2013	6:30 PM	Carpenter Park Master Plan	Public Works Facility 1075 Tamarac Drive
Monday, May 13, 2013	6:30 PM	Comprehensive Plan for Village Parks & Carpenter Park Master Plan	Public Works Facility 1075 Tamarac Drive
Wednesday, May 29, 2013	6:30 PM	Comprehensive Plan for Village Parks & Carpenter Park Master Plan	Public Works Facility 1075 Tamarac Drive

In the event that you are unable to attend these meetings, please feel free to submit written comments and recommendations to Sean McGovern, Staff Liaison to the Parks Commission, at smcgovern@vil.carpentersville.il.us. Sean McGovern may also be reached by phone at 224-293-1608.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE VILLAGE

From the Desk of President Ritter

- One of the most important construction projects in a number of years will begin in June. The complete construction of Maple Avenue will provide a valuable facelift to the Village. It will also involve some traffic delays, since Maple Avenue will be one-way during the project.
- Carpentersville is developing a master plan for all parks. Carpenter Park will get a complete redevelopment with community input.
- Village Hall has been remodeled to have a more customer-friendly setup.
- Comcast Community Day brought more than 100 volunteers to Keith Andres Park. Years of debris and invasive growth were removed. The trail system is proceeding rapidly.
- Carpentersville has received the prestigious "Tree City U.S.A." award.
- Our annual Arbor Day celebration was enhanced by a \$5,000 award from United Airlines. We planted 15 large trees in Carpenter Park with the award.
- Community Development has increased its hours of operation to include Thursday evenings until 7:00 p.m. during the May 1, 2013 through October 1, 2013 construction period.
- Check elsewhere in this newsletter for information related to Community Garden opening soon near Village Hall.

As always...

**Don't Blink...or you will miss something good
 happening in Carpentersville!**

COMCAST CARES DAY CLEANS KEITH ANDRES PARK

April 27, 2013

A special thank you is extended to the many Comcast employees, Chicago Area Mountain Bike Riders and other community volunteers for their efforts in cleaning Keith Andres Park in preparation for the development of a trail system for walkers and mountain bike riders. On Saturday, April 27th, this volunteer task force removed 55 bags of debris, six tires, one mattress, three large diameter fallen trees and approximately one acre of invasive trees and underbrush. The group also installed a skills area for mountain bike riders.



ARBOR DAY CARPENTER PARK

April 26, 2013

President Ritter addressed students and other participants at the Carpentersville Arbor Day Celebration on April 26, 2013.

Fifteen trees planted in Carpenter Park were donated by the Boys and Girls Club through a \$5,000 grant received from United Airlines. Many thanks to all who participated.

2013 - 2014 VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKERS GO ON SALE JUNE 1ST

Village ordinance requires every motor vehicle owner who resides in the Village or whose vehicle is principally garaged or dispatched in the Village to obtain a Village vehicle sticker annually. Stickers go on sale June 1, 2013 and must be purchased and displayed by July 1, 2013 to avoid penalties.

Fees are as follows:

Vehicle Type	Cost if purchased	Cost if purchased....	Cost if purchased
	6/1/13 - 7/1/13	7/2/13 - 8/1/13	8/2/13 and after
Passenger Car or SUV.....	25.00.....	50.00.....	75.00
Truck, B-class	30.00.....	60.00.....	90.00
Motorcycle.....	22.50.....	45.00.....	67.50
Vans or Buses.....	30.00.....	60.00.....	90.00
Taxis and Livery cabs.....	30.00.....	60.00.....	90.00
Trucks > 8,000 lbs.....	Varies by class, please call for fee schedule, 847-426-3439		

Senior Citizens age 65 and over may purchase one sticker per household for \$1.00. Residents displaying a State issued disability placard may purchase a sticker for \$1.00. Disabled Veterans and Residents displaying a Bronze Star, Silver Star, Congressional Medal of Honor, POW/MIA, Purple Heart, or Retired Armed Forces license issued by the IL Secretary of State may purchase a sticker for \$1.00. To buy your stickers online, go to <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us> and then follow the "Buy Vehicle Sticker Online" link.

SAVE THE DATE

Dundee Township Park District will hold their
Annual Fireworks Display and Concert on
Saturday, June 29, 2013 at Meadowdale Park.
(Rain Date - June 30, 2013)

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Village Board has endorsed the Community Garden that will be next door to Village Hall. This is for the benefit of Village residents who are unable to have a garden in their own yards. They might be in a multi-family unit or have their whole back yard shaded so there is no land or adequate daylight to grow fruits and vegetables. The soil will be tested for nutrients and potential heavy metals so that participants will know what balance of fertilizers may be needed. Water for gardening will be available from the Village Hall building. Plots will be \$10 per season and sign up is first come-first served at the Community Development Department.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT EVENING HOURS

In order to accommodate the summer construction and remodeling season, the Community Development Department will be open Thursday evenings until 7 p.m., ending September 26th. Citizens may inquire about building permits and other regulations at this time. The Community Development Department is located at the Village Hall, 1200 Besinger Drive.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Thursday hours thru September 26, 2013 - 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

THE CONSTRUCTION SEASON HAS BEGUN!

If you are planning an addition, deck or other type of construction to your home this season, you must obtain a building permit from the Village of Carpentersville Community Development Department. Demand is high already and certain permits need time for thorough review, so get your applications in early!

DON'T FORGET YOUR GARBAGE STICKERS

Garbage stickers are available for purchase at Village Hall (only) for \$2.50 each. Stickers are required for each additional bag of trash that does not fit into the provided garbage tote. Please be sure each additional bag of trash has a sticker attached. Disposal of an appliance requires ten stickers per item.

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
847-551-3478

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
847-551-3495

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

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VILLAGE HOUSING STUDY WORKSHOP

A housing study workshop to evaluate the present and future housing needs of the Village of Carpentersville will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 11th at the Public Works Facility, 1075 Tamarac, Carpentersville. Citizens are invited to attend and participate in this workshop, which is intended to thoroughly examine housing issues in the Village.

This evaluation process of present and future housing needs of the Village is offered through the services of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), Metropolitan Planning Council and Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus. The services were obtained through a grant applied for by the municipalities of Carpentersville, Elgin and East and West Dundee. While the study looks at overarching housing issues for this region, the centrality of the process is to evaluate present and future housing issues within each individual community.

This CMAP study utilizes multiple data sources to examine existing housing conditions and project future issues and opportunities. The project's orientation is to be people-focused, forward-looking and market-based. This CMAP partnership has conducted these "Homes for a Changing Region" studies throughout the metropolitan area and this year is focusing on Fox River communities in Kane County.

Housing is a foundation of a community's quality-of-life, so please consider attending this workshop.



RECOGNITION IN CARPENTERSVILLE

The Village of Carpentersville was recently recognized by the Illinois Section American Water Works Association (AWWA) Water Distribution Committee and selected as the First Place winner of its 2013 Tank Photo Contest.

MAPLE AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

On behalf of the Village, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has completed the public bid process with Berger Excavating Contractors, Inc. being the apparent low bidder. Over the next several weeks, the IDOT will award and execute the contract documents. The IDOT will then notify the Village as to when a pre-construction meeting will be held.

At the pre-construction meeting, a construction schedule will be provided by the contractor and detailed information will be available at that time. Construction will begin this summer. This work will be funded with 80% Federal Surface Transportation Program grant funding and 20% Village funds. The Village portion is reduced by additional grant funding through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program and the Illinois Truck Access Route Program.

Improvements include new roadway with curb and gutter, storm sewer, water main, bike path and lighting. A public information meeting will be held on May 7th, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room of Village Hall.