



## ATTENTION...

The Village is looking for new members for the Carpentersville Improvement Committee, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Business Development Commission.

Interested? Please check our website for more information.

## FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Summer 2010

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

#### June 1, 2012 - Driveways and Parking Areas to Comply with Village Standards

All driveway approaches and off-street parking areas shall be paved in accordance with the specifications found in the engineering standards. All driveways and off-street parking areas for one-and two-family dwellings shall be paved in accordance with the following specifications of this chapter. Gravel or crushed stone driveways and off-street parking areas are prohibited. Any nonconforming gravel or crushed stone driveway or parking area shall be paved in accordance with this title by no later than June 1, 2012. A hard-surface is required to be constructed in accordance with this section and shall consist of Portland cement concrete, hot-mix asphalt (asphalt), brick pavers or a combination thereof.

#### December 31, 2012 - Dumpster Enclosures to Comply with Village Standards

Dumpster facilities shall be located at the rear of buildings and be enclosed from view from residential properties, public property, or any street, sidewalk or trail. Screening shall be provided with masonry walls, which are complimentary to the design and color of the primary building. Solid wood gates may be used to provide the required full enclosure. A landscape base around the enclosure in highly visible locations shall consist of evergreen and/or deciduous shrubs and low-growing annual or perennial plants and groundcover. Large expanses of mulch are prohibited. Existing closures that do not comply with these standards on the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section shall be replaced no later than December 31, 2012.

### CARPENTERSVILLE INSTALLS FIXED NETWORK RADIO FREQUENCY SYSTEM

Currently the Village of Carpentersville is in the second year of a multi-year program to install a radio frequency water meter read system. The meters transmit readings to collectors mounted on several water towers; which eliminate the need to drive to a location to obtain a reading. Additionally the Radio Frequency Software Leak Notification program will detect constant meter movement over a 24-hour period indicating a possible leak allowing us to send notification to help prevent unexpected high bills. To arrange for an appointment please call 847-551-3492 Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Installation normally takes 20 to 30 minutes. While working in your area, a service technician may knock on your door to ask if it is a good time for them to install the meter. All employees will have a Picture ID and a vehicle with the Village logo on the side.

### NEW ILLINOIS TRAFFIC LAWS

The Carpentersville Police Department would like to alert residents about several new driving laws. The new traffic laws restrict driving behavior that has proved to contribute to traffic crashes. The new traffic laws include:

- Public Act 96-130 prohibits the use by all drivers of electronic communication devices to compose, send or read an electronic message while operating a vehicle on any roadway. This law prohibits drivers from entering, sending or reading a text message while on any roadway, unless their vehicle is stopped with the transmission in neutral or park.
- Public Act 96-131 specifies that a driver of any age may not use a wireless telephone while driving in a school speed zone or on a highway in a construction or maintenance speed zone, unless the wireless phone is used in voice-activated mode. This section applies at all times, not just when school children are present in a school speed zone or when workers are present in a construction or maintenance speed zone. In addition, Public Act 95-310 specifies that all drivers under age 19, and those drivers who have not yet received a full driver's license, may not use a cell phone, even in voice-activated mode, while driving on a roadway.
- House Bill 043 has passed the Senate and House and awaits the Governor's signature, requires all drivers to stop, and yield the right-of-way, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk. Violation of this provision in a school zone on school days between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., when school children are present, carries a minimum \$150.00 fine for a first offense and a minimum fine of \$300.00 for a second offense. All convictions in a school zone also require the driver to pay an additional \$50.00, which will be forwarded to the school district where the violation occurred, to be used for "school safety purposes."
- Public Act 96-125 permits the use of a low-speed electric or gas bicycle, which has a top speed of 20 mph or less, only by persons at least 16 years of age. Low-speed electric or gas bicycles may not be operated on a sidewalk.

Additional information on the new laws is available at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

### SAVE THE DATE...

OKTOBERFEST 2010  
Sunday, October 17th  
Carpenter Park

### GARAGE SALE ADVERTISING

Planning a garage sale this summer? Maybe a neighborhood event? Let us know and we will post it on the Village website to help get the word out. Deadline for postings will be Wednesdays before 5:00 p.m. For more information contact Kathleen Stoves at [kstoves@vil.carpentersville.il.us](mailto:kstoves@vil.carpentersville.il.us)

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

**The Village of Carpentersville Community Development Department wants to help you live in a nice neighborhood, but we need your help.**

You can be a Good Neighbor by observing the following simple rules:

- Keep your lawn mowed below eight inches.
- Maintain your property, keeping it clean of debris and in a sanitary manner.
- Park only on approved surfaces not on your lawn.
- Class "D" or higher vehicles (over 10,000 lbs.) are prohibited from parking in residential districts.
- Trailers, boats and campers cannot be parked in front yards including driveways. Call for approved trailer parking locations.
- Inoperable motor vehicles are prohibited on public or private property.
- Minor vehicle repair in appropriate area - no major work on residential property or in the street.
- Keep trash bins stored in an approved location - garage, shed or side or rear yard screened from view.
- Put trash out after 4:00 in the evening before pickup and remove bins by 7:00 p.m. the day of trash pickup.
- Keep the noise down - be considerate of your neighbors.
- Report graffiti immediately and remove graffiti within 48 hours.
- Do not place garage sale signs on utility poles, in parkways or other public property.
- Limit garage sales to two a year.
- Remove holiday lights and decorations promptly. There is a 60 day limit per year to display decorations and lights.
- Trim tree branches and shrubbery so they do not obstruct pedestrian or vehicle traffic and sightlines.
- Be sure your swimming pool is not accessible to unsupervised children. Permits are required for pools 24" deep or more.
- Post your address number in a location on the house that can be easily read from the street - four inches/contrasting color.
- Clean up after your dog/cat and do not let them run loose! No more than two adult dogs are allowed in a dwelling unit.
- Dog licenses are required - available at the Village Hall.
- Firewood can only be stored in rear yards, away from structures.
- Home based businesses cannot disrupt the neighbor. Call our department for information on allowable businesses.
- Rental properties must be registered and inspected. Attendance at a Crime Free Housing Seminar is mandatory.
- Before buying or renting a dwelling unit, call our department to determine how many people are allowed to live in the unit.
- Use working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.
- It is generally not allowed to occupy a basement as sleeping quarters. (Requirements for basement rooms such as ceiling height, light, ventilation and exits are strictly enforced.) Check with Community Development Department if you are considering such usage.

These are all items in the Carpentersville Municipal Code to help our Village continue to be a wonderful place to live, work and place.

Call 847-551-3476 with questions or for further information.

### VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Independence Day .....	July 5th
Labor Day.....	September 6th
Thanksgiving.....	November 25th & 26th
Christmas.....	December 27th
New Year's Day .....	December 31st

## POOL SAFETY

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

Here are some recommendations from the Home Safety Council:

- Practice constant adult supervision at all times when children are around any body of water. Adults should always 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. 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 children and never prop the gate open or disable the latch.
- Clear debris, clutter and pool toys from the pool deck and adjoining pathways to prevent slips and falls.
- Keep a cordless, water-resistant telephone 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 close to 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.

## CARPENTERSVILLE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE 2010 PROGRAMS

An Adopt-a-Block program will be started this year. This program is a practical approach to encourage residents to improve their neighborhood. The Carpentersville Improvement Committee (CIC) was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Kane County Riverboat Fund to develop the program intended to be self-sustaining. For more information please contact Pat Schultz at 847-770-2562 or Cindy McCammack at 847-551-3478.

The Graffiti Deterrent Program (GDP) will be available to residents who are experiencing problems with graffiti on their property. The committee is working with local nurseries to provide discounts on landscaping materials that could be planted to prevent further issues with "tagging". There will also be a coordination of the actual landscape planting, if necessary. For further information please contact Adam Ruiz at 847-533-8360 or Pat Schultz at 847-770-2562.

The recent fundraiser for the annual Pant-a-Thon was a success and a big thank you to all who participated. We raised almost \$1000, which will go toward this year's paint-a-thon scheduled for September 11th. The CIC is currently reviewing the applications that have been received for this year's project. Volunteers and/or donations for this important and fun event are always welcome. For more information please contact Ken Pozehl at 847-636-0122 or Pat Schultz at 847-770-2562.

# VILLAGE OF CARPENTERSVILLE ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT 2009

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For the period of January 1 to December 31, 2009

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the Carpentersville Water Department to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by Carpentersville is Groundwater, utilizing four wells # 5 thru # 8.

If you have any questions about this report please contact Dean Gorter, Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 3:00pm at 847-551-3492. Concerns regarding the Carpentersville Water System can be addressed at Village board meetings. Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at the Carpentersville Village Hall, 1200 Besinger Drive.

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

## Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

### Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791.

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by Village Hall or call our Water Superintendent at 847-551-3492. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA web site at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

## SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT AVAILABILITY

To determine Carpentersville's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, the following document was reviewed: a Well Site Survey, published in 1990 by the Illinois EPA. Based on the information obtained in this document, there are 3 potential sources of groundwater contamination that could pose a hazard to groundwater utilized by Carpentersville Community Water Supply. These include 1 auto repair shop, 1 store/sales and 1 below ground fuel storage tank. Information provided by the Carpentersville Community Water Supply indicates that the following potential sources listed in the table are currently inactive (below ground storage of petroleum has been removed): Map Code #00916, 00917 and 00918. In addition, information provided by the Leaking Underground Storage Tank and Remedial Project Management Sections of Illinois EPA indicated sites with on-going remediation that might be of concern.

Based upon this information, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Carpentersville Community Water Supply's source is susceptible to contamination. The Illinois EPA is in the process of delineating 5-year recharge area calculations for Carpentersville's wells. The land use within the areas around the wells was analyzed as part of this susceptibility determination. This land use includes open space, residential, and commercial properties.

## 2009 REGULATED CONTAMINANTS DETECTED

### Lead and Copper

#### Definitions:

**Action Level Goal (ALG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

**Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminate which, if exceeded triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation
Copper	12/31/2007	1.3	1.3	0.611	4	ppm	N
Lead	6/6/2007	0	15	30.2	14	ppb	N

### Water Quality Test Results

**Definitions:** The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the Maximum Contaminant Level Goal as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

#### Definitions

ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

na: not applicable

**Avg:** Regulatory compliance with some MCL's are based on running average of monthly samples.

### Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminant
Chlorine		0.7	0.1-0.7	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)*		23	23-23	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.

Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminant
Arsenic		2	1-2	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium		0.042	0.035-0.042	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride		0.97	0.92-0.97	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron		0.098	0.083-0.098		1.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Manganese		9	9-9	150	150	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)		0.14	0.1-0.14	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium		1	0-1	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
Sodium		200	150-200			ppm	N	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration

Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminant
Combined Radium 226/228	01/08/2008	1.3	1.3-1.3	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion from natural deposits

There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water. The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be more than one year old.

## 2010 STREET, WATER, STORM AND SANITARY REHABILITATION PROJECT

Beginning in late summer construction will begin on this project, which will include the rehabilitation of sanitary sewers, construction of new storm sewers, water mains, roadways, sidewalks, and roadway lighting. A resident meeting will be held prior to the start of construction to update those affected residents about the project. The work is to take place on the following roadways.

- Hickory Drive (Sycamore Lane to Helm Avenue)
- Hickory Court (Hickory Drive to cul-de-sac)
- Ash Street (Robin Road to Hickory Drive)
- Aspen Lane (Ash Street to Hickory Drive)  
(Resurfacing and street lighting only)
- Redwood Drive (Hickory Drive to east of Birch Street)
- Fir Street (Route 25 to Hickory Drive)

## 2010 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Work should begin in early July and last approximately one month, on the annual program to replace failed and deteriorated concrete sidewalk throughout the Village using monies received from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. This year's program will consist of spot sidewalk removal and replacement on 15 residential streets in the neighborhood east of Golfview Lane/Monroe Avenue south of Hazard Road.

## 2010 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT

Work will begin this summer on this project and should be completed in approximately one month. The Village will be receiving \$181,000 in grant funding through the Community Development Block Grant program administered by Kane County to be used for this project. This work consists of milling and resurfacing 2-inches of asphalt along with the replacement of failed and deteriorated concrete sidewalk at various intersections on these roadways:

- Amarillo Court (Amarillo Drive to cul-de-sac)
- Toro Circle (Amarillo Drive to Amarillo Drive)
- Mora Road (Amarillo Drive to Amarillo Drive)
- Waco Lane (Tulsa Avenue to Berkley Street)
- Berkley Street (Tulsa Avenue to Route 25)
- Austin Avenue (South of Tulsa Avenue)
- Tacoma Street (Berkley Street to Denver Drive)

## HELM ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

As you read this, construction work on improvements to Helm Road from Illinois Route 25 to Village limits east of Sioux Avenue will be underway. The Village was able to extend the limits of this project with \$280,000 in funds received through the Illinois Department of Transportation Emergency Repair Program (ERP). This work includes minor sidewalk and curb repair, drainage improvements and new pavement. This project is scheduled for completion by September.

## 2010 ERP RESURFACING PROJECT

The Village received \$300,000 in grant funding through a legislative grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation Emergency Repair Program. Work will begin in July on this project and should be completed by early September. This work consists of milling and resurfacing 2-inches of asphalt along with the replacement of failed and deteriorated concrete curb and gutter and sidewalk at various locations on these following roadways:

- Windsor Circle
- Plymout Circle
- Marlboro Circle
- Kingston Circle
- Endicott Circle

## 2010 PAVEMENT REJUVENATION AND CRACKSEALING PROGRAM

This summer the Village will continue with the fourth year of the pavement rejuvenation program on 28 separate roadways in various areas of the village.

This program consists of the application of pavement sealing and rejuvenating liquid to the surface of streets that have been resurfaced or reconstructed within the last five years. This process is intended to prolong the life of the roadway pavement. In addition, the Village will be having a cracksealing program performed on the same roadways. The cracksealing is intended to reduce the amount of stormwater runoff infiltration into the joints and cracks in a roadway. Water infiltration can reduce the strength of the roadway base, and lead to the formation of spalling roadway pavement and potholes. The combination of the pavement rejuvenation and cracksealing are proactive maintenance activities which are intended to prolong the life of roadway pavements.

Maps showing the locations of these various construction projects can be viewed on the Village website at: <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us>

Questions about these projects should be directed to Ed Szydowski, Capital Projects Manager, at the Village of Carpentersville Engineering Department at 847-551-3480.

## TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE UPDATE

In 2008 the Village updated the tree preservation ordinance (Section 16.80.180) which regulates the removal and replacement of trees from public and private property within the village and, in doing so, safeguards the ecological and aesthetic environment of the community. A permit (no fee) is required to remove a tree from private property. Applications are available in the Engineering Department; permits are issued within 5 days.

Questions should be directed to Scott Marquardt, Village Engineer, at the Engineering Department at 847-551-3480.

## 2010 - 2011 VEHICLE STICKERS MUST BE DISPLAYED BY JULY 1ST

Village ordinance requires all vehicles registered in the Village of Carpentersville to purchase and display a Village vehicle sticker annually. Stickers went on sale May 1, 2010 and must be displayed by July 1, 2010 to avoid penalties.

### Fees are as follows:

Vehicle Type .....	Cost if purchased 5/1/10 - 7/1/10	Cost if purchased.... 7/2/10 - 8/1/10	Cost if purchased after 8/2/10
Passenger Car or SUV.....	25.00.....	50.00.....	75.00
Truck, B-class .....	30.00.....	60.00.....	90.00
Motorcycle .....	12.50.....	25.00.....	37.50
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		

Seniors and Disabled Veterans can purchase one (1) sticker for \$1.00.

Buy your stickers online at <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us/> then follow the "Renew Vehicle Sticker Online" link.

Don't forget to buy your dog tags! All dogs residing within the Village of Carpentersville must be registered. Tags are \$3.00 each if purchased by July 1, 2010.

## WATER AND SEWER RATES INCREASED ON JUNE 1ST

Water and Sewer rates increased on June 1st to \$3.10 and \$3.45 respectively for every 1,000 gallons of water used. The new rates will be reflected on the September 2010 bills and thereafter. Additionally, the basic minimum quarterly rate for water bills to residential customers increased from \$14.00 to \$15.00 and the basic minimum quarterly rate for commercial customers increased from \$28.00 to \$30.00. There are no changes to the senior citizen and disability discounts.

The Village offers several options for making water bill payments:

- In person with cash or check at the Village Hall.
- 24-hour drop box in front of the Village Hall, checks only please.
- By mail to P.O. Box 335, Carpentersville, IL 60110
- Online at <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us/> with Mastercard, American Express, or Discover cards.
- Autopay, an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account, visit <http://vil.carpentersville.il.us/> for more details.

### Water Bill Cycles/ Due Dates

**Cycle One:** This billing cycle includes residential accounts east of Route 25. Bills are due on or about the 4th Thursday of the month in February, May, August, and November.

**Cycle Two:** This billing cycle includes residential accounts in the general area west of Route 25 and east of Route 31. Bills are due on or about the 4th Thursday of the month in March, June, September, and December.

**Cycle Three:** This billing cycle includes residential accounts west of Route 31 and all commercial customers. Bills are due on or about the 4th Thursday of the month in January, April, July, and October.

## SAFE HAVENS FOR ABANDONED NEWBORN INFANTS

On May 1st, a Carpentersville resident found a newborn infant in a cardboard box, abandoned behind a neighbor's garage on Bristol Circle. The baby girl, who had apparently been left outside for more than 24 hours, was suffering from exposure and a low body temperature.

Although the abandoned newborn infant survived in this instance, the outcome could have been different, especially with the overnight temperatures typically dropping below 50 degrees in early May.

Parents who find themselves unable to care for a newborn child have a safe and legal option if they feel they must relinquish the child. Illinois law provides a "Safe Haven" for newborn infants at every hospital, police station, fire station or emergency medical facility. The Illinois Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act makes it legal for a parent to surrender a newborn child, from birth up to 30 days old, at any of these facilities. "Safe Haven" locations are designated by signs posted on the exterior of the building.

The parent can remain anonymous, and will not face civil or criminal charges for relinquishing the baby. Persons relinquishing a newborn infant will be offered an information packet outlining their legal options should they later wish to reclaim the child, but are not required to divulge their identity or accept the information packet.

Relinquishing a child to "Safe Haven" facility when parents find themselves unable to care for a newborn infant ensures that the child will be properly cared for, without exposing the parent to criminal prosecution or civil penalties.

### 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 Department**  
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**  
847-551-3494

**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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**Summer 2010**



## IN-HOUSE STREET OVERLAY PROJECTS

This summer Street Division crews will be busy removing deteriorated asphalt from street surfaces and replacing it with new. The following locations are scheduled to receive a full width surface removal and overlay. It should be noted that due to rising asphalt cost and weather this list is subject to change.

Street	Start	End
Teepee	Navajo	Cherokee
Cherokee	Chippewa	Papoose
Chippewa	Mocasin	Papoose
Osage Court	Chippewa	North End
1st	Edwards	North End
2nd	Edwards	North End
Edwards	Hattie	Carpenter Blvd.
Besinger	Route 25	Center
Maple	Oakridge	Rosewood
Elmwood	Hawthorne	Greenwood
Briarwood	Hawthorne	Greenwood
Green	Williams	Maple
Caddy	Fairway Rd.	Hazard
Fairway Ln.	Fairway Rd.	Ball
Harrison	248 Harrison	Harding
Intersections off of Lord	Charles, Valentine	Carpenter, Aldis, Oak

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## LAWN CARE TIPS

- Don't overwater your lawn. As a general rule, lawns only need watering every 5 to 7 days in the summer. A hearty rain eliminates the need for watering for as long as two weeks.
- Water lawns during the early morning hours when temperatures and wind speed are the lowest to reduce loss from evaporation.
- Don't water your street, driveway or sidewalk. Position your sprinklers so that your water lands on the lawn and shrubs and not the paved areas.
- Install sprinklers that are the most water-efficient for each use such as micro and drip irrigation and soaker hoses.
- Regularly check sprinkler systems and timing devices to be sure they are operating properly. Teach your family how to shut off automatic systems so they can turn them off when storms are approaching.
- Do not leave sprinklers or hoses unattended. Your garden hose can pour out 600 gallons or more in only a few hours. Use a kitchen timer to remind yourself to turn the water off.
- Raise your lawn mower blade to at least three inches. A lawn cut higher encourages grass roots to grow deeper, shades the root system and holds soil moisture better than closely-clipped lawns.
- Avoid over fertilizing your lawn. The application of fertilizers increase the need for water and are a source of water pollution.
- Mulch to retain moisture in the soil. Mulching also helps to control weeds that compete with plants for water.
- Plant native and/or drought-tolerant grasses, ground covers, shrubs, and trees. Check with your local nursery for advice. Group plants together based on similar water needs.
- Outfit your hose with a shut-off nozzle which can be adjusted down to a fine spray so that water flows only as needed. When finished, turn it off at the faucet instead of at the nozzle to avoid leaks.
- Minimize the grass areas in your yard because less grass means less water.
- Buy a rain gauge to determine how much rain or irrigation your yard has received.