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Re: 2020 Village Water Main Construction Project – Grace Street

Dear Resident:

The Village wants to inform you that a construction project involving the replacement of the water main on your street will begin with some preliminary work next week and in earnest the following week, weather permitting, on Monday April 13th. Water main replacement work be done on the 4200 to 4700 blocks of Grace Street (from Irving Park Road to Lawrence Court). The work on this project will involve the installation of the new water main, services, and fire hydrants. A separate contract will be let to resurface the roadway following the water main replacement. The work will be done by contractor(s) hired by the Village and should take approximately two months and be completed by June 5, 2020. Work will normally be conducted only from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday-Friday.

The Village understands that this project will cause some disruption in your daily activities and would appreciate your patience and understanding while it is underway. These disruptions will include a couple of brief (roughly 2-3 hours) interruptions in your water service. You will be further informed about these issues at a later time by either the Village or the contractor to provide as much notice as possible.

Please be careful while driving in the area and watch for signage about road closures, parking restrictions, or detours. Also please do not disturb the small “locate” flags around your lawn and parkway – these flags mark the location of various underground pipes and wires so they are not accidentally struck while digging is underway. It is also important to let the Village know if you have an irrigation system in the parkway because it will help avoid damage to it during the water main project.

When it is complete this project will result in new water main which will benefit all of the residents in the area .The Village is planning for the landscape restoration work to be done this fall after the roadway resurfacing is completed. The Village will be maintaining a page on the Village website – www.villageofschillerpark.com/ConstructionUpdates to keep you informed about the progress of the project. If you need to report any problems or unique concerns please contact the Village Hall at (847) 678-2550.

A potential option the Village wants to bring to your attention is the possibility of replacing your water service from the B-Box (normally located in the parkway) to your home. The Village contractor, Cerniglia Contractors, which is doing the water main work may be able to do this work while the water main project is underway. This may be more convenient than doing the work at a later time. If you are interested in talking to the contractor about your water service they can be reached at (708) 343-8586. If you want to take advantage of this option you will also need to obtain a permit (the Village will waive the normal fee) from the Community Development Department which you can reach at (847) 671-8555. Please understand that the price of the work will be set by the contractor and any work done will be a private contract between you and the contractor that will not involve the Village.

You should also review the attached paperwork required by the Illinois EPA (“Environmental Protection Agency”) – a lead information notice. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this project and as stated above please contact the Village Hall at (847) 678-2550 if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Nick Caiafa
Village President



The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires that the Village distribute the attached Lead Information Notice to all customers who may be affected by water system maintenance and/or construction. We suggest you consider the attached recommendations to protect against potential lead exposure during construction.

Please note that the Village performs regular “at the tap” lead tests in accordance with IEPA standards. Should you wish to have additional testing done, you can contact any of the following water testing laboratories. Please note that we are not affiliated with any of these laboratories, and they will charge you a fee for their service:

McHenry Analytical Water Laboratory, Inc., Crystal Lake, IL, (847) 344-4044

Suburban Laboratories, Inc., Batavia, IL, (708) 544-3260

First Environmental Laboratories, Inc., Naperville, IL, (630) 778-1200

ARRO Laboratory, Inc., Joliet, IL, (815) 727-5436

Please feel free to call the Department of Public Works at (847) 671-8554 with any questions.

Lead Information Notice

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING
WATER

Dear Water Customer:

Today's Date: April 6, 2020

Our water system will soon begin a water line maintenance and/or construction project that may affect the lead content of your potable water supply. Lead, a metal found in natural deposits, is harmful to human health, especially young children. The most common exposure to lead is swallowing or breathing in lead paint chips and dust. However, lead in drinking water can also be a source of lead exposure. In the past, lead was used in some water service lines and household plumbing materials. Lead in water usually occurs through corrosion of plumbing products containing lead; however, disruption (construction or maintenance) of lead service lines may also temporarily increase lead levels in the water supply. This disruption may sometimes be caused by water main maintenance/replacement. As of June 19, 1986, new or replaced water serviced lines and new household plumbing materials could not contain more than 8% lead. Lead content was further reduced on January 4, 2014, when plumbing materials must now be certified as "lead-free" to be used (weighted average of wetted surface cannot be more than 0.25% lead).

The purpose of this notice is for informational purposes only. While it is not known for certain whether or not this particular construction project will adversely affect the lead (if present) plumbing in and outside your home, below describes some information about the project and some preventative measures you can take to help reduce the amount of lead in drinking water.

Project Start Date: April 6, 2020

Project expected to be completed by: June 5, 2020

Project Location and Description:

Water main improvements along Grace Street from Irving Park Road to Lawrence Court, Village of Schiller Park, Cook County Illinois.

What you can do to reduce lead exposure in drinking water during this construction project:

Run your water to flush out lead. If the plumbing in your home is accessible; you may be able to inspect your own plumbing to determine whether or not you have a lead service line. Otherwise, you will most likely have to hire a plumber.

- If you do not have a lead service line, running the water for 1-2 minutes at the kitchen tap should clear the lead from your household plumbing to the kitchen tap. Once you have done this, fill a container with water and store it in the refrigerator for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula throughout the day.
- If you do have a lead service line, flushing times can vary based on the length of your lead service line and the plumbing configuration at your home. The length of lead service lines varies considerably. Flushing for at least 3-5 minutes is recommended.

Use cold water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula. Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.

Look for alternative sources or treatment of water. You may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter that is certified to remove "total lead".

Clean and remove any debris from faucet aerators on a regular basis.

Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead.

Purchase lead-free faucets and plumbing components.

Remove the entire lead service line.

Test your water for lead. Call us at: (847) 671-8554 to find out how to get your water tested for lead.

While we do not do the testing, we can provide a list of laboratories certified to do the testing. Laboratories will send you the bottles for sample collection. Please note that we are not affiliated with the laboratories and they will charge you a fee.

- If test results indicate a lead level above 15 ug/L, bottled water should be used by pregnant women, breast feeding women, young children, and formula-fed infants.