



# Village of Villa Park

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**RE: 2017 South Michigan Avenue Improvement Project**

Dear Resident:

The Village of Villa Park will be completing road and utility improvements on South Michigan Avenue over the next few months as a part of its **2017 South Michigan Avenue Improvement Project**. This project consists of the reconstruction of South Michigan Avenue from Park Boulevard to Madison Street. The project will also include the construction of new storm sewer throughout much of the project area, as well as selective water and sanitary sewer system improvements. The project is part of ongoing efforts to enhance and update Village infrastructure.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of March 6, 2017, weather permitting. Preliminary construction efforts, including the installation of traffic control, mobilization of materials and equipment, and locating of underground utilities are expected to begin first. These preliminary efforts should take several days to complete, and full construction operations will follow.

Traffic on Michigan Avenue will be affected by construction efforts. There may be a need for temporary road closures throughout the project as equipment or materials move in and out of the site. Access to properties' driveways may also be restricted for periods of time while work is taking place in front of those particular properties. Residents will have access to their driveways overnight throughout most of the project, with the exception of several weeks' time when the pavement, curb and gutter, and driveway apron installations are taking place. During this time, residents will be allowed to park overnight on adjacent streets, where permitted. Rest assured, we will work with residents to keep them informed of any planned work efforts which may cause additional inconvenience.

The work that will take place as a part of this project will include improvements to the water supply system. This work may require that water service be temporarily shut off for periods of time throughout the project. These water service shut-offs will take place Monday through Friday during normal working hours and will be kept as brief as possible. The exact dates and times will vary, and additional advanced notice will be provided before any scheduled water shut-offs take place.

Over the years, health concerns related to domestic water supply lines containing

of lead have been well documented. This issue has become more prevalent in recent months. Village water mains are generally constructed of ductile or cast iron. Water services and interior plumbing, including joints and fittings, can be composed of lead, copper, or galvanized pipe. With the age of the buildings in the project area, it is possible that the some water service lines or interior plumbing in your home could contain lead.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has stated that it is possible for properties with water supply lines containing lead to experience temporary increases in sediment, possibly containing lead, in the residence's water supply for up to several months as a result of construction activities. It has been found that infants and young children may suffer adverse health effects and developmental delays as a result of exposure to even low levels of lead. As such, the IEPA recommends the full replacement of any water services or plumbing fixtures containing lead components.

**It is recommended that after each water shut-off residents remove and clean their faucet aerator screens and flush their lines by running a faucet in a bathtub or utility sink for several minutes after water service is restored.** If you experience a pressure loss after flushing your line, please contact the Public Works Department at (630) 834-8505 to report the issue.

This project does not include any water main replacement. As such, the Village is not planning to replace water services as a part of this project. However, if the Village encounters any lead water services during construction, the Village will replace the public portion of the water service between the water main and the buffalo box (b-box). The Village will inform affected residents that the public portion of their water service has been replaced, and will also notify the resident of the possibility that the private portion of their water service contains lead. Per the Villa Park Municipal Code, the property owner bears the responsibility for the portion of the water service between the b-box and the building, as well as all interior plumbing. The Village strongly recommends that any property owners with a lead water service between the b-box and the building replace their portion of the water service. Residents are encouraged to contact an Illinois licensed plumber to perform the work or to help determine whether lead is present in any interior plumbing.

More information on lead in drinking water can be found on the IEPA website at <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/citizens/citizens-information/in-your-home/resources-on-lead/index>.

The general contractor for this project is Orange Crush, LLC, of Hillside, Illinois. All questions and comments regarding this project should be directed to the Village of Villa Park Engineering Division at (630) 834-8505. We will make every attempt to keep you informed of construction progress and activities, and thank you in advance for your patience throughout the course of this project. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at the number listed.