



# Village of Villa Park

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**RE: South Michigan Avenue Improvement Project**

Dear Resident:

**THE WATER WILL BE SHUT OFF ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017, FROM 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM WHILE WORK TAKES PLACE ON THE SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

If weather prevents the work from taking place as scheduled, the water shut off will be rescheduled for the following day, weather permitting. This shut off may result in debris in the water service lines. It is recommended that you run a faucet or utility sink after the water is turned back on to flush any debris out of your line. If you experience a pressure loss after flushing your line, please contact the Public Works Department at (630) 834-8505 to report the issue.

**LEAD CONCERNS:**

Over the years, health concerns related to domestic water supply lines containing 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 some water service lines or the 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.

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This project includes the replacement of fire hydrants and water valves, but does not include any replacement of water mains. 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>.

All questions and comments regarding this project should be directed to the Village of Villa Park Engineering Division at (630) 834-8505. We thank you for your ongoing patience throughout the course of this project. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.