



Village of Villa Park

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**RE: South Michigan Avenue Improvement Project
Lead Concerns**

Dear Resident:

During recent excavation it was determined that the portion of your water service line between the water main and the buffalo box (b-box) was made of lead. The Village has replaced this portion of your water service line from the water main to the b-box with a new copper water service.

The portion of your existing water service line immediately behind the b-box was determined to be made of copper; however, there is still a possibility that the remainder of your water service line between the b-box and your house, or the plumbing within your house, could contain lead.

Per the Villa Park Municipal Code, the property owner is responsible for the water service line from the b-box to the house, as well as all plumbing within the house. The Village strongly recommends that you contact an Illinois licensed plumber to help determine if any of the remaining portion of your water service line or any interior plumbing contains lead. A list of contractors currently approved to work in Villa Park can be obtained at Villa Park Public Works.

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 years. 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.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has 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.

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 or your water service line 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.