



Village of Villa Park

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**RE: South Michigan Avenue Improvement Project
LEAD CONCERNS**

Dear Resident:

During recent excavation it has been determined that you have a water service made of lead. The Village has replaced the portion of the service that runs from the water main to the buffalo box (b-box) with a new copper water service. Per the Villa Park Municipal Code, the property owner is responsible for the service 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 have the portion of your water service containing lead replaced and help determine if 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 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.

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 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.