



Village of Villa Park

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RE: 2018 South Michigan Avenue Improvement Project

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Dear Resident:

The Village of Villa Park will be completing road and utility improvements on South Michigan Avenue from Madison Street to Jackson Street over the next few months as a part of its **2018 South Michigan Avenue Improvement Project**. This project includes the reconstruction of the roadway, the installation of a new large-diameter storm sewer, and selective water and sanitary sewer system improvements. This project is the first phase of a larger stormwater project that is expected to include the expansion of the Jackson Pond detention basin and the construction of additional new storm sewers. Additional information on these projects can be found on the project page on the Village of Villa Park's website at <http://www.invillapark.com/719/South-Michigan-Avenue-and-Jackson-Pond-I>.

Construction is scheduled to begin the week of March 5, 2018, weather permitting. Preliminary construction efforts, including survey layout and staking, installation of traffic control, sawcutting of the pavement, tree removal, and mobilization of materials and equipment, are expected to begin first. These preliminary efforts will take approximately one week to complete, and full construction operations will follow the week of March 12, 2018.

Traffic on Michigan Avenue and in the surrounding area will be affected by construction efforts. **Parking will not be permitted on Michigan during the workday. There will be a need for temporary road closures throughout the project as construction takes place, and as equipment and materials move in and out of the site. Access to properties' driveways will 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 days' time when the storm sewer is being installed in front of a particular property, and several weeks' time when the curb and gutter and driveway apron installations are taking place. During these times, 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.

As a part of the road improvements, all carriage walks located between the curb and sidewalk will be removed and replaced with sod at the Village's expense. If any property owner wishes to install a new carriage walk, they would be responsible for the full cost of the work. The owner would also need to enter into a license agreement with the Village under which the owner would assume full responsibility for maintenance of the carriage walk following its replacement. Property owners interested in this option should contact the Village at (630) 834-8505 as soon as possible.

Residents who are interested in having any private work in the Village's right-of-way completed as a part of the Village's construction project, such as the replacement of their sanitary sewer service or the installation of a storm sewer "stub" to allow for a future connection to the new storm sewer, are asked to contact the Village at (630) 834-8505 as soon as possible. These improvements would be completed at the resident's expense, but the Village may be able to include them under its construction contract and extend contract pricing to residents.

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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.

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 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. 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.

This project includes only selective water system improvements, and 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 A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc., of Schaumburg, 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.