

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration Message

Dear Fellow Residents:

This issue of Smoke Signals was delayed a bit in my hopes to be able to tell you about our road program for this summer. I am pleased to report that we are in the home stretch now after resolving a major issue that arose beyond our control. In connection with our road bond, we received a very good rating from Standard & Poor that will benefit us when the auction is finally held with respect to our \$2.5 million bond. Also, our electrical aggregation program has gone out for bids for a new contract. Vehicle stickers are on sale now and the Heritage Center Library is open on Wednesday evenings now through the summer. The annual clean water report is also included in this edition. Please read on for the details!

Street Program

Where is our street program? It is coming and we are on the home stretch to getting it launched. For reasons beyond our control, the start has been delayed. However, we are on track again and almost ready to finalize the ordinances and resolutions relating to the bond issue and street program. Here is what happened.

Following the March 18th primary election, I requested that our staff and Village engineers begin immediate work on the street program. All of us realize how important this program is to our Village and property values. Several meetings were held and details were finalized for the bidding process. The formal request for proposals went out in late April with a return date and opening of bids on May 6th, two days before our May 8th VBT meeting. The timing was intentional so that we could take action at our May 8th meeting. Unfortunately, the day before the meeting, I was informed of a problem.

Late in the day on May 7th, I received a call from our Village Attorney, and representatives from bond counsel at Chapman & Cutler and Speer Financial. I was informed that bond counsel could not issue their opinion letter because there was an apparent problem with the street referendum Notice that the County published prior to the March 18th election. It appears that a necessary sentence concerning the maximum interest rate of 9% (set by State statute) was left out. Our street referendum notice contained language for the actual ballot and notice language as required by election law. The Village was given an opportunity to proof and approve the ballot language but NOT the notice language. The County handled that by themselves. During the call from Counsel, I was informed of several alternatives including the best solution of seeking a legislative remedy through our General Assembly. All of the trustees were briefed on the matter prior to the May 8th meeting and, with their unanimous concurrence, the VBT tabled the bond and road program matters to the June 12th meeting.

Following the May 8th VBT meeting and with input from our advisors in order to resolve this matter to preserve the road program, I made the decision to hire a lobbyist (who will be paid from the bond proceeds) and seek the legislative remedy. With the assistance of bond counsel and the unhesitating support from our legislators, an amendment to a bill pending in the General Assembly was made and pushed through to passage in three short weeks. Our State Senator Christine Radogno and State Representative Jim Durkin sponsored this amendment in the State Senate and House respectively. We are extremely grateful to them for their immediate offer to help us and their leadership in shepherding this legislation through to completion. The bill, SB3425, was passed on Friday May 30th by the Senate with about 6 hours to spare before the General Assembly adjourned. From there it had to go to the Governor for his signature. With the further assistance of our lobbyist who worked with Sen. Radogno's Chief of Staff and Sen. Cullerton's Chief of Staff, our bill was sent to the Governor and arrived at his office on Wednesday June 11th. Until the Governor signs this, we cannot get the opinion letter we need from bond counsel or hold the bond auction. As I write this, I am pursuing several avenues to obtain the Governor's speedy signature on our bill.

When the Governor signs our legislation, it will take about seven calendar days to set up the bond auction and thereafter proceed to VBT approval of the bond and award the bid to the low bidder. Central Blacktop submitted the low bid and has willingly worked with our staff and Village Engineer to accomplish the preliminary steps so that when the bond matter is finalized, they can begin work immediately. It appears from my vantage point as I write this message, that work may begin right after the 4th of July holiday (or a bit earlier). Our Speer Financial advisor informs me that the delay has not hurt us in the financial market and that the market has not moved in a negative direction from our interests. On behalf of all of our residents, I have conveyed our heartfelt thanks to our Counsel, bond counsel, and financial advisor and especially to Senator Radogno and Representative Durkin for their hard work assistance in obtaining this remedy for us in what has to be record-breaking time. Also, I am very grateful to our lobbyist for his help in moving our legislation along through passage in the General Assembly and getting it sent to the Governor's office in short order. Please watch our 2014 Street Program web page on our website for important updates as they become available.

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Financial Rating

In connection with the details preliminary to the bond auction for our Street program, we participated in a rating evaluation process through Standard & Poor. The process involved S&P's review of our financial picture, our responses to their written questions, and our participation in a conference call involving Village Treasurer Steve Busa, Dave Brink, John Brooks, Speer Financial consultant Dave Phillips and me. After the call, we learned that on April 30th, that S&P awarded IHP a "AA minus" rating. This is great for us for our bond!

Electrical Aggregation

If you did not already know, our electric aggregation contract with Constellation Energy has expired but was renewed for one month. At the April meeting, the VBT authorized me to enter into a 3 year agreement for a rate of about 7.2 cents/kWh (or lower at the time of signing) under the same terms as our original contract. However, Constellation declined to grant a price protection provision in the extension agreement that was included in the original agreement. This would have allowed the Village to terminate the agreement if the ComEd price dropped below the contract price. Accordingly, because I did not have the authorization to sign an agreement without that provision, I did not do so. However, to insure your electric supply we entered into a one month extension agreement for 5.85 cents/kWh.

At the May VBT meeting, the Board decided to seek a 60 or 90 day extension with Constellation so that we could go out for bid for a renewal rate. Constellation only offered a 90 day extension at a rate of 7.67 cents/kWh which will be in effect through the September 9 meter reading. At first this appeared to be 0.08 cents/kWh higher than the recently announced ComEd rate of 7.59 cents/kWh (as reported on my Village Desk webpage). However, I have since learned that there is an adjustment ComEd adds to the price called a POE (price of energy) of up to .500 cents/kWh. This makes the price to compare rate for ComEd at 8.09 cents/kWh. Again, pursuant to the VBT direction and to insure your continued electric supply while giving the Village time to seek longer term bids from

qualified electric suppliers, the Village entered into this 90 day agreement. The alternative would have been to request that our aggregated ComEd customers be converted back to ComEd for their electric supply.

If the VBT determined to return our residents to ComEd, the downside for this option would have been two-fold. First, our residents would have to remain with ComEd for a 12 month period before a new aggregation contract could be obtained. Second, we could not now seek an alternative electric supplier but would have to wait until next year in order to do so. This would result in our residents paying the ComEd rate over the course of the next year and would have caused the Village to miss the opportunity to test the energy market at this time. Of course, the Village would not be obligated to accept any bid received and could still decide to return everyone to ComEd. In the meantime, for the next 3 months, the Village aggregation agreement will continue with Constellation as we go forward in trying to obtain an acceptable price and agreement with an Alternative Residential Energy Supplier. The plan is to have the VBT decide this at our July 10th meeting.

As mentioned above, Village vehicle stickers are now on-sale. The deadline for purchasing new stickers without a late fee is July 15th. Beginning July 16th, the fees are double and residents failing to display a current sticker are subject to being ticketed and paying fines. The renewal notices were sent in mid-May and everyone should have received them by now. If you did not, please stop in the Village Hall and fill out an application for your required vehicle stickers.

In closing, I want to congratulate all of our graduates from pre-school through professional degrees and wish them well in their future pursuits. Their many accomplishments are a source of pride for our community. Please look for the Clean Water Report and have a wonderful 4th of July holiday!

As William Shakespeare wrote: "*Summer's lease hath all too short a date.*" It goes fast, especially in the Chicago area. Play safe, watch your children, and enjoy your summer!

Respectfully, Richard S. Andrews, mayor

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Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees: 7:30 p.m.:
Thursday, July 10, 2014 – Regular Meeting

Planning and Zoning Commission: 7:30 p.m.:
Tuesday, August 5, 2014

Fire and Police Commission: 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 4, 2014

E-911 Board: 6:30 p.m.
No meeting scheduled at this time.

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Dear Indian Head Park Water Customer:

The Consumer Confidence report (CCR) rule requires all community water systems to provide reports to their customers on the quality of their drinking water. The Village of Indian Head Park in conjunction with the City of Countryside and the Chicago Water Department is providing the required information pertaining to source water monitoring for the period January 2013 through December 2013.

The Village of Indian Head Park has provided water meeting all the requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) drinking water standards. The following reports are being provided to help you better understand the quality of the water you consume and use on a daily basis. Consumers with medical conditions may use the detailed analysis provided by the City of Chicago to consult with their family doctors. Others may learn ways to better protect their children from the effects of lead in our environment, or how to conserve water in our daily lives. A well informed consumer is the best ally the Village has in providing clean, safe water to its customers.

Included in this report:

Village of Indian Head Park CCR

- ◆ 2013 Water Source & Quality Report
- ◆ 2013 Testing Summary Table
- ◆ 2013 Violation Data
- ◆ 2013 City of Chicago CCR
- ◆ 2013 Water Quality Data
- ◆ 2013 Source Water Assessment

If there are any questions, or if additional information is needed, please contact Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent at the Village of Indian Head Park Water Department at (708) 246-3154.

Sincerely,
Edward R. Santen, Jr.
Water/Public Works Superintendent

Special Note: The following information applies only to residents who are directly served by Indian Head Park water supply, not those served by the LaGrange Highlands Sanitary District.

**Village of Indian Head Park
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT
Public Water Supply
For The Monitoring Year 2013**

Water Supply:

The Village of Indian Head Park purchased approximately 92 million gallons of Chicago water from the City of Countryside through a 12" supply main connected directly to the City of Countryside's distribution grid. This connection provides all the water required by the Village's local and retail customers. This water is received into a reservoir system and pumped to the Village's local and retail customer base. The water is sampled and chlorinated as required to maintain the quality as delivered by the City of Countryside. Chicago pumps water out of Lake Michigan, which is a surface water supply. **Water Quality:** The City of Chicago's Jardine Water Filtration Plant controls the water quality supplied to the Village of Indian Head Park. The Village of Indian Head Park provides additional chlorine as necessary to maintain the water quality as delivered to them. The CCR water quality data generated by the City of Chicago is included in this report for review by the water consumers.

Village Testing:

The Village of Indian Head Park tests the water supply for chlorine content on a daily basis to maintain the optimum levels for the consumers' needs. On a bi-monthly basis, bacteriological samples are taken. On a yearly basis, samples are submitted for Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) Analysis and Haloacetic Acids (HAA) Analysis. Samples are also provided for lead and copper monitoring on a schedule established by the IEPA. All testing and reports are performed according to the requirements of IEPA. A copy of the IEPA Water Quality Report for Indian Head Park is included later in this report.

Violations:

The testing of the Village of Indian Head Park water supply produced no violations for their facilities during the calendar year 2013.

Educational Information:

- (1) Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).
- (2) Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).
- (3) Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).
- (4) The Village of Indian Head Park follows the water conservation recommendations of the IEPA on sprinkling restrictions which state that no sprinkling may be done between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. during the period of May 15 to September 15.

The following lawn care recommendations are supplied by the University of Minnesota:

- Water deeply and infrequently. One inch of water per week is ideal.
- Over watering wastes your money and also removes plant nutrients from the soil.
- Excess watering can cause disease problems in your lawn.

Sources of Contamination:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that can be present in source water include:

- Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic Contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and Herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater run-off and residential uses.
- Organic Chemical Contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can come from gas stations, urban stormwater run-off and septic systems.
- Radioactive Contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Source Water Assessment: We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regular scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by the Village Hall or call the Water Department at (708) 246-3154. To view a summary of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>. The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection only dilution. This is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance that shoreline impacts are not usually considered a factor on water quality. At certain times of the year, however, the potential for contamination exists due to wet weather flows and river reversals. In addition, the placement of the crib structures may serve to attract waterfowl, gulls, and terns that frequent the Great Lakes area, thereby concentrating fecal deposits at the intake and thus compromising the source water quality. Conversely, the shore intakes are highly susceptible to storm water run-off, marinas and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to the lake.

Additional Information:

For more information, contact Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent, of the Village of Indian Head Park at (708) 246-3154. The Village Board also meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Municipal Facility. These meetings are open to the public.

About the Data:

TURBIDITY Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

LEAD Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing system. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

SODIUM There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If the level is greater than 20 mg/l and you are on a sodium restricted diet, you should consult a physician.

2013 Water Quality Data VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK

Definitions: MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety. MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level, or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology. AL: Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. TT: Treatment Technique or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Abbreviations: nd - not detectable at testing limits. n/a - not applicable. ppm - parts per million or milligrams per liter. ppb - parts per billion or micrograms per liter. ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter. ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter. NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water. % < 0.3 NTU Percent samples less than 0.3 NTU MFL - Million fibers per liter, used to measure asbestos concentration. mrem/yr - millirems per year, used to measure radiation absorbed by the body. pCi/l - picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity. # pos/mo - number of positive samples per month. % pos/mo - percent positive samples per month.

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Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminants
Microbial Contaminants							
TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA (# pos/mo)	0	>1	0	nd-nd			Naturally present in the environment.
FECAL COLIFORM AND E-COLI (# pos/mo)	0	0	nd	nd-nd			Human and animal fecal waste.
Inorganic Contaminants							
COPPER (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	0	0 exceeding AL		9-30-11	Corrosion of household plumbing systems erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	0	AL=15	5	0 exceeding AL		9-30-11	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
DISINFECTION/DISINFECTANT BY-PRODUCTS							
HAA5 (TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS) (ppb) chlorination.	n/a	60	10.8	10.82-10.82			By-product of drinking water
TTHM'S (TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES) (ppb)	n/a	80	18.5	18.48 – 18.48			By-product of drinking water chlorination.
CHLORINE (as CL2) (ppm)	4	4	0.8	0.8 - 0.9			Drinking water disinfectant.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminants
UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS							
BROMODICHLOMETHANE (ppb)	n/a	n/a	6.64	n/a			By-product of drinking water chlorination.
CHLORFORM (ppb)	n/a	n/a	7.38	n/a			Used as a solvent for fats, oils, rubber, resins, a cleansing agent; found in fire extinguishers.
DIBROMOCHLOROMETHANE (ppb)	n/a	n/a	4.46	n/a			Used as a chemical reagent; an intermediate in organic synthesis.

2013 Water Quality Data CITY OF CHICAGO

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TURBIDITY (% < 0.3 NTU)	n/a	TT	100%	100%- 100%			Soil run-off.
TURBIDITY (NTU)	n/a	TT= 1NTUmax	0.18	n/a			Soil run-off.
Inorganic Contaminants							
BARIUM (ppm)	2	2	0.0205	0.0204 -0.0205			Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
COPPER (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	0.046 (90 th percentile)	0	exceeding AL	8-23-12	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4	0.9	0.856-0.922			Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
LEAD (ppb)	0	AL=15	6.6 (90 th percentile)	1 exceeding AL		8-23-12	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
NITRATE (AS NITROGEN)(ppm)	10	10	0.362	0.351-0.362			Run-off from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
State Regulated Contaminants							
SODIUM (ppm)	n/a	n/a	7.84	7.42-7.84			Erosion of naturally occurring deposits. Used as water softener.



Aging Care Connection News

Farmers' Market Coupons Available for Seniors

Aging Care Connections has coupons to be used at local farmers' markets for seniors aged 60+ with household incomes (for one person, under \$1,799.13 per month). The coupon booklets are worth \$21 toward the purchase of locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs, and will be available July 1, 2014. The coupons may be used at:

Oak Park Farmers' Market
Saturday, 7 am - 1 pm
460 Lake Street, Oak Park
Elmwood Park Farmers' Market

Two Sundays per month: (check website for dates <http://elmwoodpark.org/event/farmers-market-4/>) Central Park, 2430 N. 75th Ave, Elmwood Park (corner of 75th and Fullerton)

Coupon booklets are available at Sharp Community Center, 1609 No. 26th Ave, Melrose Park, Wednesdays, 10 - 1 pm (see Mattie Stevenson); West Suburban Senior Services, 439 Bohland Ave, Bellwood, 708-547-5600; or Aging Care Connections, 111 W. Harris Ave, La Grange, 708-354-1323 (contact: Linda, ext 215). Participants will be asked to complete and sign an application.

Aging Care Connections is a non-profit organization which is the connection to the most comprehensive, expert information, programs and services enabling older adults to remain independent and their families to make the best, most informed decisions regarding needed care in their lives. Serving communities in Leyden, Lyons, Norwood Park, Proviso and Riverside Townships, Aging Care Connections' programs and services are made possible by community support and donations, and, in part, by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA), AgeOptions, Community Memorial Foundation and local United Ways. To learn more, visit www.agingcareconnections.org.

Heritage Center News

In addition to our weekend hours, the Library at the Heritage Center is now open during the evening. Our Wednesday night summer hours are 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Please stop by, introduce yourself to the docent on duty and find a good summer read. We hope that these new hours will accommodate those who are unable to visit on the weekend. We would also like to encourage IHP book clubs and organizations to consider the Heritage Center when looking for a place to hold your meeting. If interested, please contact Jean Southerland. The Village Hall will be happy to provide my contact information.

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