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May 14, 2019

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Dear Resident,

On January 16, 2019, the Village sent letters to all residents on Clausen Avenue (Ogden to 41st) outlining the watermain replacement project and partial lead service line replacements (PLSLR). The purpose of the initial letter was to offer two options to residents to best reduce exposure to lead created by PLSLR. Option 1 allowed residents to hire their own contractor to replace the remaining lead water service lines. Option 2 offered residents the option of a PLSLR, with daily flushing instructions and water quality testing by a independent lab (provided by the Village). The Village only received a handful of responses from the initial letter.

CLERK

Bridget Fitzgerald

The initial letter, as well as this letter, are intended for residents who have existing lead service lines. If you have a copper service line, or have already chosen Option 1 and informed the Village, please disregard this letter. The initial letter has been attached for reference.

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The Village is dedicated to providing safe, potable, water to the residents of Western Springs. The introduction of PLSLRs can present a potential health risk and it is important that all affected parties understand the risks. Proper flushing techniques and water quality testing are important immedietly following a PLSLR and until lead levels return to their pre-construction values.

Partial lead service lines occur when a portion of an existing lead water service is replaced or repaired. PLSLR are known to increase the exposure to lead in your drinking water once they are completed, and for a period of time after. Increased lead exposure can cause health effetcs if the lead enters the bloodstream and causes an elevated blood lead level. Increased lead exposure is especially dangerous for children and pregnant mothers.

Currently, Illinois State Law, the Illinois Plumbing Code, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the Western Springs Municipal Code allow PLSLRs. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recommends against PLSLRs, due to the potential for lead exposure.

Please review the initial letter and inform the Village, in writing, if you choose Option 1 or Option 2. If you have any questions or concerns, please use the contact information below.

Sincerely,

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Water Service Line Work Selection Form

Project: Clausen Avenue (Ogden to 41st) Water Main Replacement Project

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I _____ (print name) have been informed by the Village of Western Springs, on June ____, 2019, of my options for replacing my water service line at my residence located at _____ (address.)

I have been given the option of replacing my lead service line at my own cost. I am choosing to:

_____ I will replace my own service line with a contractor hired by me (permit and contractor's license required – please contact the Community Development Department at 708-246-1800).

_____ Opt not to have my service line replaced.

Property Owner Signature

Property Owner Phone Number: _____

Please complete this form and return by June 21, 2019.

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