



# Village of Villa Park

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## RE: Ridge Road Water Main Improvement Project

Dear Resident:

Construction of the Village of Villa Park's **Ridge Road Water Main Improvement Project** is tentatively expected to begin the week of May 28, 2018. A number of preliminary construction efforts, including construction layout, locating of underground utilities, installation of traffic control, and mobilization may begin sooner. These preliminary efforts should take several days to complete, and full construction operations will follow.

This project consists of the rehabilitation of Ridge Road from Yale to Ardmore and the replacement of the existing water main to improve capacity and reliability. Some selective sanitary sewer system improvements are also included in the project. The scope of work for the project includes removing and replacing existing pavement and curb and gutter, replacement of the existing water main, and restoration of any parkway and driveway aprons affected by the project. More specific information for this project can be found on the Village of Villa Park's "Ridge Road Water Main Improvement Project" page located at <http://www.invillapark.com/715/Ridge-Road-Water-Main-Improvement-Projec>

Traffic on Ridge Road will be affected by construction efforts. Parking will not be permitted on the frontage road during the work day. There may be a need for temporary road closures throughout the area as equipment or materials move in and out of the site. Access to properties' driveways may also be restricted for extended 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 water main 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.** We ask that motorists follow all posted signs.

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.

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The work that will take place as a part of this project will 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 Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc., of Lake Zurich, 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.

The Village will have a consultant on site full-time through the project to help coordinate construction