

VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE PARK



(REVISED AUGUST 2009)

NPDES GENERAL PERMIT NO. ILM 580008

**POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN
VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE PARK
NPDES PERMIT #ILM580008**

I. Street Cleaning

A. Procedures

The Department of Public Works performs routine street cleaning with its own equipment on all of the streets within the Village's jurisdiction. There are approximately 33 miles of streets within the Village's jurisdiction included on the street-cleaning program. The Village owns and operates one street cleaner. The cleaning operation is performed with as many passes of the cleaner as is required to sweep and vacuum the entire roadway from curb to curb. Waste material is hauled to a local IEPA-approved dumpsite.

B. Schedule

Street cleaning is performed regularly between April 1 and November 30. Hours of operation are not restricted, but typically street cleaning is scheduled during normal working hours. Street cleaning covers all 33 miles of streets in LaGrange Park within a one week period, on a monthly basis. In order to minimize the amount of debris entering the system, street cleaning is strategically scheduled after brush pickup has been completed. Additionally, more frequent street cleaning is performed on a seasonal basis in order to minimize debris from entering the system.

II. Public Education

A. Anti-Litter Campaigns

The Village issues a newsletter regularly to its residents through direct mailing. Periodically entries in the newsletter will address awareness of littering and beautification of the neighborhood, emphasizing the impacts on the environment and the potential for litter to find its way into local streams. Samples of these materials are attached to this plan.

The Village actively supports local schools as they engage in anti-littering campaigns.

B. Proper Disposal of Personal Hygiene Items

The Village's regular newsletter periodically will contain entries to inform the public and increase awareness of the proper disposal of sanitary and personal hygiene items, emphasizing the potential for these items to end up in natural streams.

The Village encourages that owners of commercial public restrooms display signs in the restrooms indicating proper disposal of sanitary and personal

hygiene items, and provide proper bags and/or receptacles for the convenient and sanitary disposal of these items.

C. Proper Application of Fertilizers, Pesticides, and Herbicides

The Village's regular newsletter periodically will contain entries to inform the public and increase awareness of the proper application of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides, emphasizing the potential for these items to contaminate local streams and the environment.

III. Solid Waste Collection

The Village's residential garbage collection is performed by a private company under a multi-year contract with the Village. Curbside or alley garbage collection is being done 4 days per week within the Village, once per week for each location. Residents are required to place garbage in suitable containers, and the use of lids is strongly encouraged to prevent unnecessary spilling or blowing of loose materials.

IV. Recycling

The Village participates in a recycling program through its contract for residential garbage collection. Residents are encouraged to separate their recyclable refuse and put it out for collection in special recycling containers. Paper products, plastics, glass, and metals are collected separately from the regular garbage and recycled, reducing the amount of materials ending up in garbage dumps and landfills. Along with other benefits, recycling can reduce the amount of street litter, which can end up in natural streams.

V. Non-degradable Materials Reduction

In the interest of reducing litter and preventing non-degradable materials from entering the local sewers and streams, the Village supports efforts by individuals and environmental groups working with businesses to eliminate the sale of fast food items packaged with polystyrene. Additionally the Village will include in its newsletter educational information on the use of polystyrene as packaging material.

VI. Control of Environmentally Unfriendly Materials

The Village follows a strategy of awareness and control when using fertilizers, pesticides, and de-icing salts. When application of these materials is necessary, workers and supervisors will apply them at rates and in strengths that strictly meet the manufacturer's directions and recommendations in order to reduce the likelihood of applying excess materials. Unnecessary applications will be avoided.

VII. Control of Illegal Dumping

The Village has a Storm Drain awareness program, which consists of applying prefabricated lids to all street inlets and catch basins under new construction to inform the public of the potential for pollutants getting from the drain to the streams. The lids will read “No Dumping – Drains to Waterways” or state a similar message. Also, vacant lots and public spaces, especially those near streams, are posted with notices to prohibit dumping. Illegal dumping is addressed in the Village’s pollution prevention articles in the newsletter.

VIII. Bulk Refuse Collection

The Village is a member of the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency (WCCSWA), which announces to its members all scheduled bulk refuse collection events by local and regional agencies. One example would be the annual Countrywide Waste Tire Collections held by the IEPA at nearby facilities. These events are also announced and promoted by the Village through a local cable channel and its website. The promotion of these programs discourages illegal dumping of materials that otherwise may be costly or difficult to dispose of.

IX. Hazardous Waste Collection

The Village is a member of the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency (WCCSWA), which hosts an annual Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day where any type of household hazardous waste can be brought to a nearby facility for safe disposal. Additionally, year-round drop-off of household hazardous waste is available in Naperville, Illinois. Both of these methods are announced and promoted by the Village through its media outlets. The promotion of these programs discourages illegal dumping of materials that otherwise may be costly or difficult to dispose of.

X. Water Conservation

A. Ordinance Limiting Water Use

The Village has an ordinance in place limiting water use for lawn sprinkling and other outdoor and recreational uses during certain days of the week and for limited times during the day. Although the main purpose for the ordinance is to conserve water on the supply end, some incidental benefit may occur by reducing the total amount of runoff entering the sewer system, thus reducing sewer overflows.

XI. Industrial Pollution Prevention

A. MWRD Control

Industrial waste is allowed to be discharged into sewers only by permit from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD). The MWRD makes routine inspections of all industries releasing industrial waste to

the sewer system, and the discharge of illegal types or concentrations of pollutants is controlled by the MWRD through its enforcement process.

XII. Cost Estimate and Implementation Schedule

The costs associated with the above items are met by existing funding programs and shall not be considered as direct costs to the Combined Sewer Overflow program. All of the above actions have been implemented to date and are to continue indefinitely. Any changes to this plan will be brought to the attention of the permitting authorities and described in revisions to the plan.

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President's Corner

Here we are in October already and our families are getting ready for all the festivities the season brings – the great outdoors, fall sports, homecoming and Halloween fun. This year in La Grange Park, we have one activity to add to the list – *The Fall Festival*. Bring your friends and family down to Memorial Park on October 18th and take part in all the season's wonder by carving a pumpkin or building a scarecrow for the family front porch. For more information about the event, please see page 4.

The Fall season is always a busy time of year for the Village. The crisp air brings falling leaves and leaf collection for our Public Works crews. In our bountiful community, this can be a challenge and yet our dedicated staff always gets the job done. Public Works is also gearing up for tree trimming in an effort to maintain community safety and promote the health and beauty of our parkway trees. Just before the school year resumed, the Police Department hosted its twelfth year of the Adopt-A-Cop program for local grade school students. Participants had the

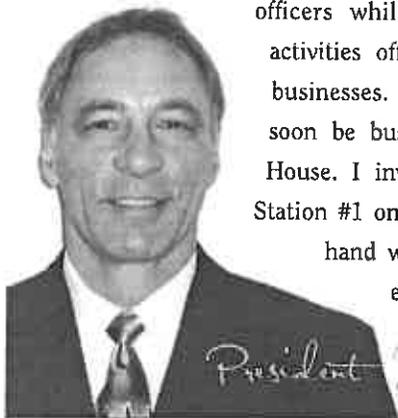
opportunity to foster friendships with police officers while taking part in exciting activities offered by area agencies and businesses. The Fire Department will soon be busy with their annual Open House. I invite you to come down to Station #1 on October 12th and see first-hand what firefighters do and the equipment that they use each

and every day on the job. This is an event that parents and children truly enjoy as they have an opportunity to help promote fire safety and goodwill in our community.

If you have kept an ear to the news lately, then you know that Canadian National Rail (CN) is attempting to purchase a large portion of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Rail (EJ&E). The purchase would allow CN to reroute much of its freight traffic from five current lines in Chicago, many of which experience high levels of congestion, to the 108 mile circumferential route. The Village supports the acquisition because of the overall benefit to the Chicago region as well as the direct benefit it will have on La Grange Park, one of many communities that currently bears the burden of the congestion. The transaction would positively impact our local rail traffic as we will see a reduction of in the number of CN trains from ten to one, on any given day of the week.

With the many activities this season brings, we cannot forget that it is almost time to exercise our right to vote in the upcoming national election. Regardless of whom you're favoring at this point, it is clearly shaping up to be quite the competition and a campaign worth following. Let us welcome this race that is creating unusual interest and hope it leads to a record voter turnout. Have your voice be heard and vote on Tuesday, November 4.

It is a pleasure to serve the community and do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns you may have.



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Village Employee Recognized for Excellence in Water Operations

The Village of La Grange Park is pleased to announce that Rick Radde, Water Operator in the Public Works Department, was recognized as one of the top Water Operators in the state of Illinois for 2008. Rick received the 2nd Place distinction for "Operator of the Year" by the Illinois Potable Water Supply Operators Association. The award was received at the Association's annual conference held on September 11 in Springfield, Illinois.

To be considered for this prestigious award, one must be nominated by a peer and then must submit copies of various operating reports and records that reflect the overall operation of the water supply. The selection team conducts site visits and meets with the finalists at their home water supply and inspects their facilities and operation. The winners are selected based on their knowledge, skill, dedication and pursuit of excellence.

Zoning Code Review

Progress continues with the Village's review of its Zoning Code. Because of ever-changing building and construction trends, the Village determined that it was necessary to undergo a technical review of its zoning code. To provide guidance to this review process, the Village assembled a Zoning Amendment Committee. Last year, the committee reviewed several proposals from qualified consulting firms and selected Camiros, Ltd. to provide expertise in the in-depth review of development regulations, regulatory approaches and review processes. Such an evaluation will ensure that any changes to the Village's Zoning Code will provide guidance for future development and redevelopment projects within the Village.

31st Street Corridor Improvement Project

Over the summer months, the Village Board discussed a variety of issues centering on the potential redevelopment of the 31st Street Corridor. In late August, the Village Board accepted the Hitchcock Design Group Recommendations as contained in the 31st Street Corridor Redevelopment Study. The Board also authorized Village staff to begin the necessary procedures to amend the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the redevelopment study. The study includes the entire portion of 31st Street from Maple Avenue on the east to La Grange Road on the west. The study focuses on future land uses, potential development opportunities, transportation and pedestrian access. Look for future updates about the redevelopment project on the Village's website and local access channel 6.

Don't Forget..

Daylight saving time will be 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 2nd. Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you move your clocks back one hour.

Village Parkway Tree Trimming Program

The Village's Parkway Tree Trimming Program will soon be underway for trees located on the west side of La Grange Road. From November through April, the Public Works Department will oversee the removal of low hanging branches above streets, sidewalks and driveways to ensure adequate clearance for pedestrian safety and large service vehicles. The program also targets the removal of dead branches and any parkway branches that are growing near private property branches, which provides adequate clearance to allow the trees to grow properly.



Vibrantly Colored Leaves are Beginning to *FALL*

Autumn leaves are falling! The Village is happy to continue its leaf collection program again this year. You can choose from either of two methods for disposing of your leaves.

Option One: The Village's Leaf Collection Program

The Village collects leaves raked into the gutter beginning in October through early December. Following are the rules for our program:

1. Please follow the collection schedule! While we try to remain flexible, the village allocates its financial and manpower resources to provide this program during a particular time period. *We are unable to make exceptions for citizens who do not comply with the schedule.* Please follow the schedule below.

Similar to last year, the Village is divided into three sections for leaf collection purposes. To help those residents who would prefer to not always be the first (or last) section to be collected, leaves are collected on an alternating schedule which this year begins with Section I.

Section I - all streets west of La Grange Road

Section II - all streets from La Grange Road east to the IHB railroad tracks

Section III - all streets east of the IHB railroad tracks.

Leaves for each section will be collected on the following weeks:

SECTION II (Central)	SECTION I (West)	SECTION III (East)
October 13	October 20	October 27
November 3	November 10	November 17
November 24	December 1	December 8

2. Leaves should be raked into the gutter immediately adjacent to the curb (not the street). Leaves should not be placed in bags, but loosely piled in the gutter of the street in front of your home. *Exception:* Residents with homes on La Grange Road, 31st Street, and Maple Avenue may not put their leaves in the gutter in front of their homes on these streets. Residents at these locations must put their leaves in bags, but stickers are not needed on the bags. For environmental reasons, paper bags are preferred to plastic bags. Residents that do not want to bag their leaves at these locations may also put their leaves in the gutter of the nearest cross street intersecting with La Grange Road, 31st Street or Maple Avenue.

3. Leaves must be out by Monday morning of your collection week. Because the condition of leaves (wet, dry, etc.), weather, and equipment breakdowns can all affect the speed of our collections, we cannot predict where we will start or stop our routes on any given day. To ensure that your leaves get picked up, they must be out by *Monday* morning.

4. Please rake your leaves into low piles. When our trucks hit high piles, they tend to scatter and flow back onto the parkway. Several small, low piles are preferable to a single pile stacked five-feet high.

5. Please be sure leaves are free of debris. To ensure the safety of our workers, please be sure your leaves are free of debris (wire, plastic, etc.).

Option Two: Yard Waste Collection

The other leaf disposal option is the yard waste collection program offered by our refuse hauler, Allied Waste. Residents may dispose of leaves on their regular refuse/recycling collection day through December 15. Leaves can be placed in a brown Kraft bag or a 32-gallon container. A yard waste sticker must be attached.

Leaf burning is prohibited in La Grange Park. Please use one of the above methods for disposing of your leaves. Thanks for your cooperation!

The Fire Department urges residents not to park near piles of dry leaves. The heat of car mufflers can ignite the leaves and start a fire. Be safe, not sorry: avoid parking near leaf piles!

Reminder: Dry Leaves are a Fire Hazard!



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President's Corner



As I write this letter, Spring is most definitely in the air. With Spring, we appreciate life's most simple pleasures - like being able to be outside to enjoy the sun shining upon us. With Spring, we are reinvigorated by all that is new. Our Village is no different as we have many new things underway and I can't wait to share them with you in this edition of Rose Clippings.

At the top of my list is the planning of a new Public Works facility. The Village is in need of a new building to house public works. The existing building is over 55 years old and has structural deficiencies that result in lost efficiencies for critical village services. In recent years, the Village Board has examined the structural problems of the existing building and considered both partial and full brick replacement. As architectural studies were underway, the Village came to realize that in completing any structural work, we would likely uncover more structural problems which would cost the Village even more money to fix properly.

Last fall, the Village decided that a cost effective approach would be the construction of a new facility. Knowing that the cost of a new building would go far beyond what the Village was planning to spend on fixing the building, the Village would seek funding from grants and private resources wanting to invest in a new and innovative design to this type of facility - the Village would go green with the design!

New construction calls for a 20,000 sq. ft. facility built on the existing site located at 937 Barnsdale Road. The Village is seeking a

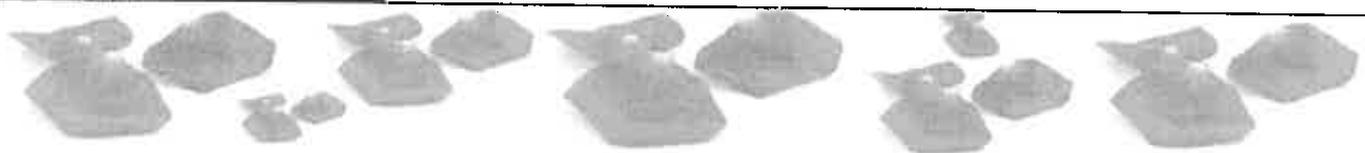


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Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building certification. The LEED approach would allow the opportunity to showcase what is possible in modern energy - a model of sorts that promotes the reduction of the current annual carbon footprint, benefitting the future generations of La Grange Park Residents. The Village feels as though the LEED approach is in line with our Village's longstanding focus on responsible environmental practices of greener government service.

Over the years, the Village has achieved environmentally friendly milestones such as curbside recycling, providing compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) to residents, the utilization of bio-diesel fuel, no idling policy for village vehicles, the purchase of two hybrid vehicles, and the installation of the first solar street light in 2007. What strides we have made as a Village!

The construction of a new environmentally sensitive facility would be in keeping with our green reputation and your assistance in this effort is vital to its success. The Village is asking for legislator support in seeking funding as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This is the stimulus package passed by our new administration. We ask that you contact our legislators in support of this project and express what it will mean for our community. A contact list of our legislators is available on our website at www.lagrangepark.org. With the great hope of bringing something new and innovative to our community, and strong community effort and support - we can achieve great things. Interested residents can pick up an informational flyer on the new facility at Village Hall. I encourage you all to be a part of this exciting new project! As always, please feel free to contact me at any time. I am here to serve you in keeping our community the Village of which we can all be proud.



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President's Corner



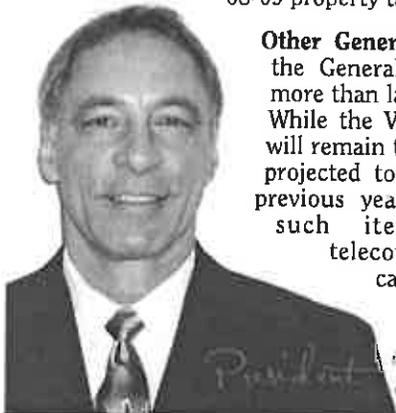
Hello everyone!!! Summer is here and with the warm weather and beautiful evenings, we spend more time outside then inside. We interact more with our neighbors, we watch our kids play with their friends, and we create lasting memories from the family vacations away from home. It is truly a time to reflect upon the things for which we are grateful. In La Grange Park, we have much to be grateful for – fantastic Police and Fire Departments working hard to make our community safe, diligent Public Works employees working to make our community beautiful and an Administrative staff ensuring that public needs are met and that we are fiscally responsible in doing so.

On April 28, the Village Board adopted the operating budget for the 2009-10 Fiscal Year that began on May 1. This is one of the most important actions the Village Board undertakes. As stewards of our public funds, the Board recognizes the importance of providing value to residents for each dollar that is spent. This budget continues the Village's commitment to providing quality service as efficiently and effectively as possible. Total revenues in all funds are projected to be \$11,428,000 and projected expenses are projected to be \$11,540,862. Expenses are higher than revenues due to the fact that the Village has accumulated Motor Fuel Tax funds over a number of years, to be expended this budget year. This budget does allow for a \$100,000 set-aside for the Public Works building and this budget does not include any anticipated grant revenue for special projects.

REVENUES

Property Taxes – The Village anticipates property tax revenue of \$3,000,000 in 09-10. This represents a 4.5% increase over the 08-09 property tax revenues.

Other General Revenues – Revenues in the General Fund are expected to be more than last year's budgeted revenues. While the Village expects that sales tax will remain the same, other revenues are projected to slightly increase from the previous year. These revenues include such items as utility taxes, telecommunications taxes, and cable franchise fees. Revenue for various licenses



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remains somewhat consistent to last year while permit fees for the most part are expected to decline from the previous year.

Water and Sewer Charges – Water sales revenues are anticipated to remain constant in 09-10. Other than passing along rate increases imposed by the North Riverside Water Commission which provides our water, no other water or sewer rate increases are being considered at this time.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

La Grange Road Water Main Project – This project, financed in part by an Army Corps of Engineers grant, will see the replacement of the existing watermain from Oak Avenue to Brewster Avenue.

Street Paving Program – With funding assistance from ARRA, the federal stimulus program, the Village plans to repave Brainard Avenue, from 31st to Harding. The Village also budgeted for improvements to Beach Avenue, starting at Oak and going north (improvements will eventually end at 26th street in future budget years). Beach Avenue improvements for this year include new curbs and gutters and a 50/50 driveway approach cost sharing program with residents.

Public Works Building – The Public Works building at 937 Barnsdale is long overdue for certain structural and infrastructure improvements. The new budget includes setting aside \$100,000 for these improvements. Overall, the Village will evaluate the enormity of the needs against any available federal or state grants in considering what improvements will be made.

Miscellaneous Equipment Purchases and Facility Improvements – Purchase one vehicle for Fire Department for \$33,000; Ambulance purchase budgeted amount of \$75,000 (this is in addition to a \$100,000 no interest loan); Fire equipment purchase (\$20,335); Purchase In-Car Video Cameras for the Police Department (\$25,000); and computer replacements (\$20,000).

Again, I would like to thank everyone on our staff. We are blessed to have such wonderful, caring professionals who ensure that our quality of life in La Grange Park continues to be the best ever. Thank you for putting your trust in me and the Board. Have a great summer, and again, I am always available to you. Jim



2009 Yard Waste & Brush Collection Program

Spring is here! It's time for baseball, golf, backyard barbecues and of course, yard work! Just as a reminder, the Village has two programs to help you keep your yards looking beautiful:

The Yard Waste Program is available through our waste hauler, Allied Waste. Allied Waste will accept yard waste with an Allied Waste service sticker from April 1 through November 30. The Allied Waste Yard Waste program accepts grass clippings, leaves, weeds, small pruning materials, flowers, vegetables, and other yard waste. Yard waste can be placed out for collection in a container no larger than a 33-gallon or 33-gallon biodegradable bag with a service sticker attached to each bag or container. Simply set the bag or container out at the curb on your regular collection day. If you use a garbage can it must have two handles and a "Yard Waste Only" decal affixed. The reusable container should be placed so the Allied Waste driver can see the "Yard Waste Only" only decal from the street. These decals are available at Village Hall. The service sticker should be affixed to a paper bag or looped around the handles of a reusable can. Service stickers are available at the Village Hall and Jewel.

The Brush Collection Program begins May 4. Through the program, Village Public Works crews pick up tree branches and brush debris that are stacked in neat piles on the parkway. (Please see guidelines for pick-up). The Village will conduct a pickup during the first full week of each month from May 4 through the week of October 6. The Public Works Department will rotate the order of collection from week to week so that different areas of town will be serviced first each week. Therefore, it is very important that all brush to be collected be set out prior to Monday of the collection week.

The Village's 2009 Brush Removal Schedule

- AREA 1 is West of La Grange Road
- AREA 2 is all streets from La Grange Road east to the IHB Railroad
- AREA 3 is all streets east of the IHB Railroad

Start of program each Month/Week Estimated progress of program per week Days/Area

	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3
May 4	Thurs/Fri	Mon/Tues	Wed/Thurs
June 1	Wed/Thurs	Thurs/Fri	Mon/Tues
July 6	Mon/Tues	Wed/Thurs	Thurs/Fri
August 3	Thurs/Fri	Mon/Tues	Wed/Thurs
September 7	Wed/Thurs	Thurs/Fri	Tues/Wed
October 5	Mon/Tues	Wed/Thurs	Thurs/Fri

Guidelines for the Brush Collection Program

- Brush should be on the parkway prior to the Monday of the brush pickup week. Brush not on the parkway when crews go by may not be picked up.
- Brush must be stacked neatly on the parkway, piled no more than 4-feet high, with the butt end facing the curb.
- Keep brush piles away from trees and signs in the parkway.
- If narrow parkways would cause your brush to extend into the sidewalk, the brush may be piled parallel to curb.
- Brush must be no longer than 6-feet in length and 4-inches in diameter.
- Logs must be cut into small, manageable pieces, and should be kept separate from brush.
- Stumps and root balls will not be picked up. They should be removed from trees or bushes.
- Brush should not be piled in such a manner as to interfere with motorist visibility at intersections.
- Brush must be free of all wire, tape, rope, or other inorganic materials.
- General yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, weeds, etc.) will not be picked up during brush pickup.
- Brush pickup is for residents who have performed tree or brush work on their property only. If no evidence exists that work has been performed on the property, the Village reserves the right to charge the resident for this service. The brush will not be picked up until it is possible to add to our work schedule in the future and a check for payment of services is received.
- Contractors working for the homeowners are not allowed to use this service since we are not able to handle the quantity of brush that they produce. If evidence exists of contractors placing tree or brush debris at the curb, the Village will charge the resident for this service.



Free Wood Chips

Wood chips are available for pick up at the Public Works facility at 937 Barnsdale Monday through Friday. Public Works crews may also be able to deliver the wood chips to residents, depending on availability. When calling to request a wood chip delivery, please call the Public Works Department at 352-2922 with your address, when you would like the delivery, where the woodchips should be left, and the quantity in cubic yards you would like delivered. Generally, one cubic yard will cover a 6-foot x 9-foot area. A truckload equals about 3 cubic yards.





Village of La Grange Park

JUNE 2009 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

What are Consumer Confidence Reports?

Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) are intended to give you a better understanding of water quality in our community. This report contains information during the **2008 calendar year**, that will hopefully give you better knowledge of the water that comes from your tap everyday. Here in La Grange Park, we take pride in providing you with the highest quality of water possible.



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Where does our water come from?

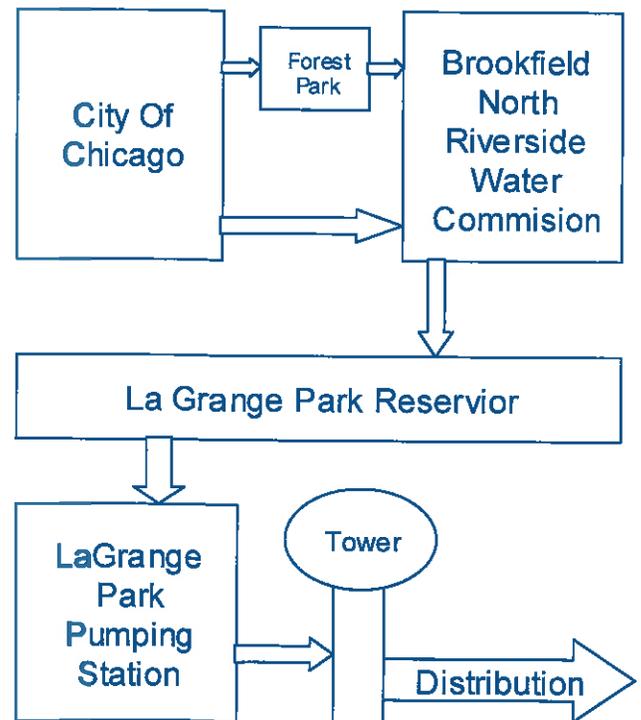
Lake Michigan is the sole source of water used to provide drinking water for Chicago and 123 suburban communities including **La Grange Park**. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found that the quality of Lake Michigan has improved dramatically over the past 20 years. Lake Michigan, by volume, is the second largest Great Lake and the only one located totally within the United States. It serves as a source of drinking water, as a place for swimming and fishing, as a scenic wonderland, and as a sink for municipal and industrial waste and runoff from the surrounding lands. All 63 miles of shoreline within Illinois are now considered to be in good condition.



USEPA'S
 Safe Drinking
 Water Hotline
 (800)426-4791
 Web Page
www.epa.gov/OGWDW

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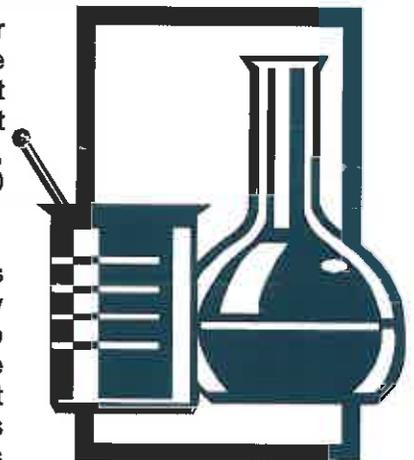
The Village of La Grange Park receives its water from Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission. Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission receives their water from the City of Chicago. Two water mains supply the water to the Commission. One water main brings water directly from the City of Chicago. The second supply comes from the main supply that feeds the Village of Forest Park. The Water Commission then supplies the Village of La Grange Park through a water main which pumps into our water reservoir. And finally, the village has 4 high service pumps that distribute water throughout our system.



Source Water Assessment

Source Water Location: The City of Chicago utilizes Lake Michigan as its source water via two water treatment plants. The Jardine Water Purification Plant serves the northern areas of the City and suburbs, while the South Water Purification Plant serves the southern areas of the City and suburbs. Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake that is entirely contained within the United States. It borders Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin, and is the second largest Great Lake by volume with 1,180 cubic miles of water and the third largest by area.

Susceptibility to Contamination: 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 runoff, marinas and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to the lake.



For further information on the community water supply's Source Water Assessment Program, please call the City of Chicago, Department of Water Management at 312-744-6635.

Water Testing: Mandatory

The City of Chicago, Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission and the Village of La Grange Park have to take water samples that are mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (E.P.A.). The E.P.A. dictates how many samples are to be taken, and for what contaminants should be checked. The City of Chicago is required to test for more contaminants because they are the source water provider. Brookfield-North Riverside Water Commission and the Village of La Grange Park take nearly identical tests; Both test for bacteria and total trihalomethanes. La Grange Park also tests for lead and copper every three years, due to reduced monitoring requirements, for the low household lead and copper levels found in our system.



Violations:

Violation Types:

MNR—Monitoring Violation (failure to monitor, or sample on time)

MCL— Maximum Contaminant Level (level found exceeded regulated standard)

TTV— Treatment Technique Violation (failure to meet treatment process)

RPV— Reporting Violation (failure to submit results/required report by the deadline)

City of Chicago— 1 Violation,

Brookfield/North Riverside Water Commission—No Violations

La Grange Park— No Violations

Water Quality Data Table Footnotes:

[See Insert for Tables](#)

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS:

A maximum contaminate level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effect language. The purpose for monitoring this contaminate is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

TURBIDITY:

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

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 you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.

Fluoride:

Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public health recommends an optimal fluoride range of 0.9 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l.

Unit of Measurement:

ppm—parts per million or milligrams per liter **ppb**—parts per billion or micrograms per liter **%<0.5 NTU**—percent samples less than 0.5NTU **NTU**—nephelometric turbidity unit, measures cloudiness in drinking water **% pos/mo**—percent positive samples per month **pCi/l**—Picrocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity.

Educational Information: Source Water 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 USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (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. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800)426-4791.
3. 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 can dissolve naturally occurring minerals and radioactive materials, and pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity. Possible contaminants consist of:
 - 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 may be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, 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 storm water runoff and residential uses;
 - Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and may also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems;
 - Radioactive contaminants**, which may be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
4. In order to insure that tap water is safe to drink, USEPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.



Questions & Comments

Public participation to discuss water related issues can be done at regular Village Board meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Once again, this report is intended to help give residents a better understanding of the drinking water the Village provides. If at anytime you have questions about the report or if you have comments on the layout of the report, please contact Rick Radde in Public Works at (708)352-2922. Thank You

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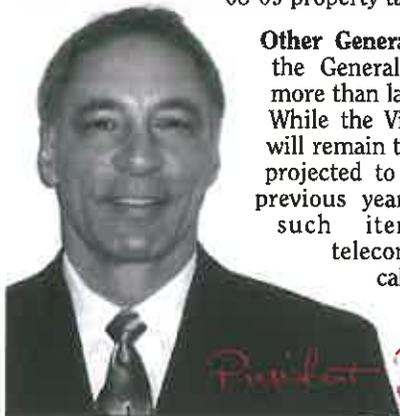
Hello everyone!! Summer is here and with the warm weather and beautiful evenings, we spend more time outside than inside. We interact more with our neighbors, we watch our kids play with their friends, and we create lasting memories from the family vacations away from home. It is truly a time to reflect upon the things for which we are grateful. In La Grange Park, we have much to be grateful for – fantastic Police and Fire Departments working hard to make our community safe, diligent Public Works employees working to make our community beautiful and an Administrative staff ensuring that public needs are met and that we are fiscally responsible in doing so.

On April 28, the Village Board adopted the operating budget for the 2009-10 Fiscal Year that began on May 1. This is one of the most important actions the Village Board undertakes. As stewards of our public funds, the Board recognizes the importance of providing value to residents for each dollar that is spent. This budget continues the Village's commitment to providing quality service as efficiently and effectively as possible. Total revenues in all funds are projected to be \$11,428,000 and projected expenses are projected to be \$11,540,862. Expenses are higher than revenues due to the fact that the Village has accumulated Motor Fuel Tax funds over a number of years, to be expended this budget year. This budget does allow for a \$100,000 set-aside for the Public Works building and this budget does not include any anticipated grant revenue for special projects.

REVENUES

Property Taxes – The Village anticipates property tax revenue of \$3,000,000 in 09-10. This represents a 4.5% increase over the 08-09 property tax revenues.

Other General Revenues – Revenues in the General Fund are expected to be more than last year's budgeted revenues. While the Village expects that sales tax will remain the same, other revenues are projected to slightly increase from the previous year. These revenues include such items as utility taxes, telecommunications taxes, and cable franchise fees. Revenue for various licenses



President James J. Discipio

remains somewhat consistent to last year while permit fees for the most part are expected to decline from the previous year.

Water and Sewer Charges – Water sales revenues are anticipated to remain constant in 09-10. Other than passing along rate increases imposed by the North Riverside Water Commission which provides our water, no other water or sewer rate increases are being considered at this time.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

La Grange Road Water Main Project – This project, financed in part by an Army Corps of Engineers grant, will see the replacement of the existing watermain from Oak Avenue to Brewster Avenue.

Street Paving Program – With funding assistance from ARRA, the federal stimulus program, the Village plans to repave Brainard Avenue, from 31st to Harding. The Village also budgeted for improvements to Beach Avenue, starting at Oak and going north (improvements will eventually end at 26th street in future budget years). Beach Avenue improvements for this year include new curbs and gutters and a 50/50 driveway approach cost sharing program with residents.

Public Works Building – The Public Works building at 937 Barnsdale is long overdue for certain structural and infrastructure improvements. The new budget includes setting aside \$100,000 for these improvements. Overall, the Village will evaluate the enormity of the needs against any available federal or state grants in considering what improvements will be made.

Miscellaneous Equipment Purchases and Facility Improvements – Purchase one vehicle for Fire Department for \$33,000; Ambulance purchase budgeted amount of \$75,000 (this is in addition to a \$100,000 no interest loan); Fire equipment purchase (\$20,335); Purchase In-Car Video Cameras for the Police Department (\$25,000); and computer replacements (\$20,000).

Again, I would like to thank everyone on our staff. We are blessed to have such wonderful, caring professionals who ensure that our quality of life in La Grange Park continues to be the best ever. Thank you for putting your trust in me and the Board. Have a great summer, and again, I am always available to you. Jim



Landscaping Your Parkway - Guidelines

Parkways, the area between the outside edge of the sidewalk and the inside edge of the curb, are a component of the public Right of Way (ROW). The Village is required to regulate activities within the ROW such as telephone equipment, electrical equipment, street lighting and water and sewer systems. Adjacent property owners are required to maintain parkways in good order according to the Municipal Code. Parkway present a number of challenges. There are issues of personal safety, vehicle safety, efficient access for pedestrians and vehicles and resource conservation. Below, the Village provides guidelines for landscaping within parkways that takes into consideration these sometimes competing interests while allowing property owners to create attractive frontages.

The adjacent property owner is responsible for the maintenance and grooming of the parkway, including all walkable surfaces and all landscaping.

Objects such as fences, large stones, statues, benches, and above grade lighting fixtures are not permitted.

Filling in of the parkway area with bricks, concrete, rocks, or any form of carpeting or astro-turf is not allowed.

Decorative edging around parkway trees made of bricks, pavers or large stones, is discouraged. Any edging close to the sidewalk has the potential of being a safety hazard for pedestrians. Any edging close to the streets has the potential of being damaged by street traffic or street maintenance vehicles, such as snowplows. The Village is not responsible for damage to any property located in the public ROW.

Mulching around the parkway tree is encouraged. Natural materials such as wood

chips are the most beneficial. These retain soil moisture, regulate soil temperature extremes, and add organic matter. Stone can compact the soil and does not provide nutrients.

Maintain a clear zone of at least 12" around the base of the trunk to avoid crown rot and damage from line trimmers is recommended wherever a tree is planted.

Plantings should be a height of no more than 18" in height. No plants with thorns are permitted in the parkway.

Parkway trees may not be installed, replaced, trimmed, or removed except by permission of the Department of Public Works.

Lawn sprinkler systems in the parkway are the full responsibility of the resident. In the event work performed by the Village damages the system, the Village will not replace or repair.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. Thanks for making the community safer and more beautiful.



Brush Collection Continues

As a reminder, the Village brush program continues through the summer months. Public Works crews pick up tree branches and brush debris during the first full week of each month. *When the week begins with a holiday, pickup will begin on the Tuesday of that week.* Branches should be stacked in neat piles on the parkway with stem ends pointed toward the curb.

Remember:

- Brush may be placed on the parkway in front of your house address between Friday and Monday prior to brush pickup week.
- Brush must be stacked no more than 4-feet high, and should be stacked neatly on the parkway with the cut end facing the curb.
- Please keep brush away from trees and signs in the parkway.
- If parkways are narrow, brush should be piled parallel to the curb so it does not obstruct the sidewalk.
- Brush must be no more than 6-feet in length and 4-inches in diameter.
- Logs should be cut into small, manageable pieces.
- Stumps, root balls, and limbs should be removed from trees or bushes.
- All wire, tape, rope, or other inorganic materials should be removed from the brush.

2 For additional information, please call Village Hall at 708-354-0225.

National Night Out Crime Prevention Walk

The La Grange Park Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will sponsor a "Crime Prevention Walk" on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 in celebration of National Night Out. National Night Out is a yearly event in which thousands of communities across the country participate in activities to promote crime prevention. The 1.5 mile walk will begin and end at the Memorial Park band shell in La Grange Park. The Walk, which is used to promote crime prevention awareness, will begin at 7:00 p.m. Residents who are not able to participate in the walk can show their support of crime prevention by turning on their porch lights from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



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Vehicle Stickers Due July 31

La Grange Park vehicle stickers and dog licenses must be purchased and displayed prior to midnight on July 31, 2009. Renewal applications were mailed to each home in early June. To renew your license, please correct any incorrect pre-printed information on your renewal application and return it with payment to the Village Hall for processing. If you have not received a renewal application, blank forms are available at the Village Hall. Vehicle stickers may be purchased at the Administration desk Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or after hours at the Police Desk. You may also mail your renewal application and payment to the Village of La Grange Park, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois 60526.

Vehicle Stickers are \$30.00 per year, \$15.00 per year for seniors who are 65 years of age prior to July 1, 2010. Seniors are limited to one senior rate per household. Licenses purchased after midnight July 31, 2009 are assessed delinquent penalties. Vehicles not properly licensed are in violation of Village Code and may be ticketed by police. Fines are \$50.00 per offense.

Monitor Your Water Usage

Each year a number of village residents get a shock by receiving a huge water bill which triggers an immediate call to the Village Hall. "How can my bill be this high? There is no way that I used this much water!"

The Village encourages residents to monitor their household water usage - often. Residential water bills are mailed quarterly and as such even a small leak can cause a shocking bill; but if residents monitor their water usage regularly then problems can be caught before that large bill comes in the mail. Most often a toilet leak is the cause. A "running" toilet can use 120 gallons of water in one hour; a slow dripping faucet can use 10 gallons in one hour. If a homeowner drops the running garden hose to answer the phone "real quick" - 100 gallons in 10 minutes can be lost!

Toilet leaks can range from small to large, constant to intermittent - and can even be SILENT. Here are some tips to detect them. If you have to jiggle the handle to stop the toilet from running, hear sounds from a toilet that is not being used, or have a toilet that will randomly run for a short time without anyone touching the handle, these are signs of a leak. Silent leaks can be identified by doing the following:

1. *Remove tank cover*
2. *Add dye to the tank (most hardware stores sell kits for this or food coloring and powdered drinks work well) use enough so the water is deeply colored*
3. *Wait one hour - do not use the toilet*
4. *If after one hour the water in the bowl contains dye - the toilet is leaking*

Two things cause a toilet to leak, the flush valve or the refill valve. To determine which valve is responsible - draw a pencil line on the inside of the tank at the water line. Turn the water supply to the toilet off (behind most toilets) and wait about 30 minutes. If the water level stays the same, the refill valve is the cause, if the water level has fallen below the pencil mark, the flush valve is leaking.

Dripping faucets, which are easily identified, are usually caused by worn washers. Replacement washers or repair kits are available at most hardware stores thereby making faucets relatively inexpensive to fix.

Another way to identify if leaks are present in your home is to use your water meter. When water is not being used, nothing on the meter should move. Meters have a small "leak detector" which senses lower volumes of water usage common with leaks. This is a small dial on the meter face that turns or spins when water is moving through the meter. This dial should not be moving if water is not being used at your residence.

Please keep in mind that not all high usage is due to leaks that need repair. Most families tend to use more water in the summer, especially during unseasonably hot or dry periods. Increased outdoor activities, lawn sprinklers, pools, car washing, a hose left running overnight in error, etc., all increase water usage. Completion of a new addition, new bathroom, new sprinkler system, or new landscaping can cause an increase in water usage; so can a new baby, visitors over a holiday or a child returning from college. When you receive a bill every three months it is difficult to recall exactly what has occurred in your household during that time period. An average of 14% of residential water is lost through leaking fixtures or pipes. Homeowners pay for this "lost" water but with a small amount of diligence large problems can easily be avoided.



ARBOR DAY 2009

Honorary Tree Planting

This year the Village commemorated Arbor Day by holding a special ceremony at Robinhood Park. The Village celebrated by planting a tree in honor of an individual who has made a difference in our community. This year's honoree is **Sharron Rosicky** who was nominated by thirteen (13) individuals for her many contributions to the Village. Sharron was a teacher for over 20 years at St. Louise de Marillac and is known for being the neighborhood matriarch and for caring for generations of children who played at Robinhood Park. An Oak Tree was planted in her honor at the entrance of Robinhood Park at the Arbor Day Ceremony. **A bronze plaque will be placed at the base of the tree to commemorate the tree's significance.** The Arbor Day Tree Honoring Program is an annual event in which the Village publicly honors a La Grange Park resident or group with the planting of a tree in a public space throughout the Village.



Recipient Sharron Rosicky & Village President Jim Discipio.



TREE CITY USA

La Grange Park has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to its community forest. It is the twenty-second consecutive year La Grange Park has received this national recognition. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. La Grange Park meets the four standards to become a Tree City USA: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

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Free Mulch

Free delivery of high quality mulch for landscaping will be available to La Grange Park residents after July 17th by calling the Public Works Department at 352-2922 (a message can be left anytime). When making an order, please be ready to provide your address, how much mulch you would like (a truck load is 3 cubic yards), where you would like it placed (most residents have it placed on their driveway next to the garage), and the day you would like it delivered. The department will only deliver full or half truck loads. Many residents have taken advantage of this program in the past for flower beds, playgrounds, and areas around bushes and along fences to make their yard more attractive. The mulch is the by-product of our tree trimming and brush pick-up programs.



Brownie Troop 140 Beautifies La Grange Park

The Brownie Troop from Ogden School made La Grange Park a little more beautiful by planting flowers at Village Hall. On May 14th, nearly 20 Troop 140 volunteers planted marigolds and zinnias at the flagpole and in the flower beds at the entrance of the building. On your next trip to Village Hall, please take notice of the colorful plantings.

Celebrate Summer at the Farmers Market

What better way to celebrate summer than with fresh produce from the La Grange Park Farmers Market! Sponsored by the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Farmer's Market is in La Grange Park every Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the corner of Woodlawn and Sherwood (lower level Village Market). This year's market will feature eight vendors selling a variety of items. Take advantage of the local market variety while improving upon the freshness, taste and nutritional value of fruits and vegetables. For additional information about the Farmer's Market, please contact the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce & Industry at 708-352-0494.



CSO POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN CERTIFICATION

(To be Completed by Permittee)

Facility Name VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE PARK NPDES No. IL M 580008

Additional information on each of the following items can be found in Chapter 8 of Combined Sewer Overflows. Guidance for Nine Minimum Controls, USEPA, May, 1995 (EPA 832-B-95-003). Copies are available from USEPA or can be downloaded from the internet at <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/owm0030.pdf>.

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Describe any efforts aimed at educating the public including anti-litter campaigns, proper disposal of sanitary and personal hygiene items, and proper application of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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x *Julius Hansen* *Director of P.W.* *12/14/06*
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Contact Person: JULIUS HANSEN Title: PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
 Address: 937 BARNSDALE RD. Phone: 708-352-2922
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