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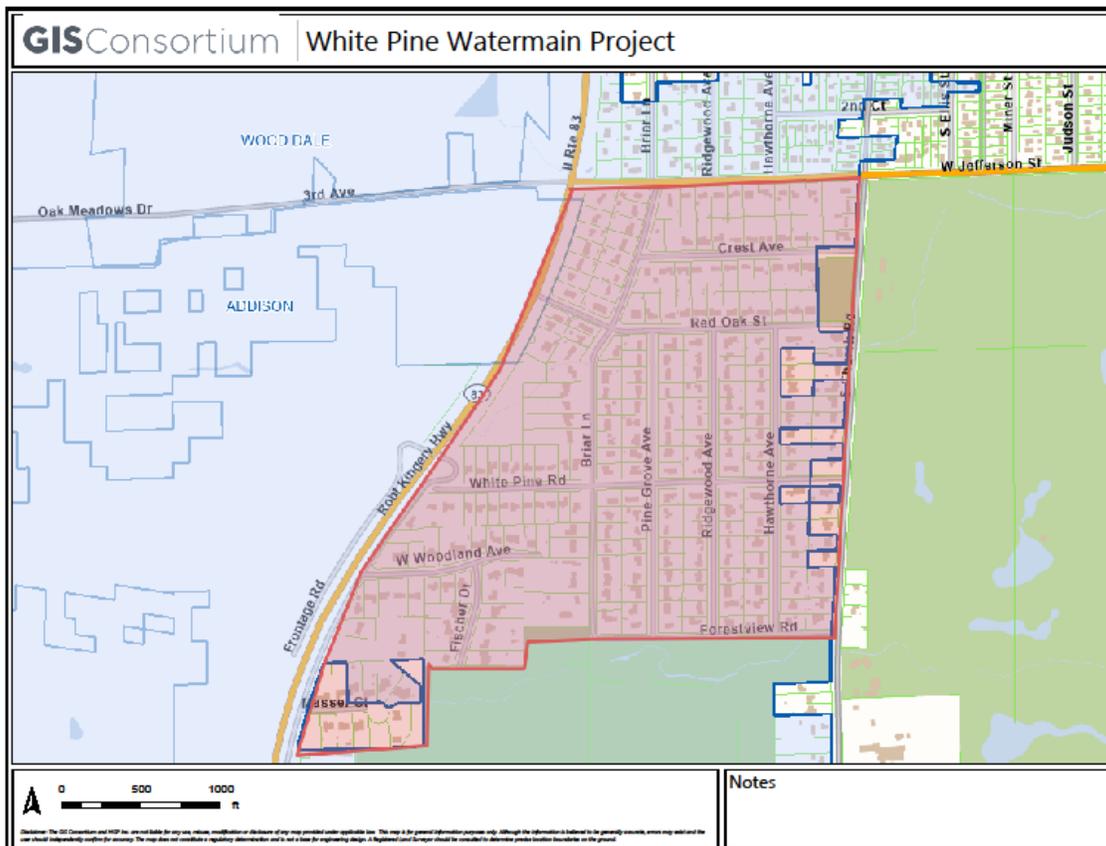
INFORMATION LETTER NO. 1

WHITE PINES WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Dear Project Area Residents:

The Village of Bensenville is about to undertake the construction of the long-awaited White Pines Watermain Replacement Project. Construction work is scheduled to begin next week. Although this letter is long, it includes a plethora of important information relative to living through a construction project. Many important details like garbage collection, mail delivery, parking, and who to contact during the project are discussed in this information letter.

Please read this letter in its entirety and familiarize yourself with what to expect during construction!



This project was advertised for bids on June 11, 2020. Bids were received on July 30, 2020 for the project. Eleven (11) contractors submitted bids. John Neri Construction (JNC) Company submitted the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$5,785,985.25, almost \$1.7 million below the engineer's estimate. The Village Board approved a Notice of Intent to award the contract to John Neri at their August 25th Board Meeting. The award was contingent on the receipt of an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan, which was received on September 10, 2020. The Village has executed the loan agreements and returned them back to the IEPA. JNC comes with many years of experience on projects of such magnitude. JNC will likely utilize the services of other sub-contractors to complete the non-underground part of the project.

The Village also approved a contract with Civiltech Engineering, Inc. of Itasca in the amount of \$672,687 to perform construction engineering services during the project. This contract will provide on-site engineers to oversee the construction of the project, assure that the contractor is installing the infrastructure according to the plans and specifications, provide material testing to make sure the products going into the ground are of good quality, and also serve as the liaison between the contractor and the customers. The Civiltech engineers will be a very important part of the success of this project and direct interaction with each customer is anticipated at some point during the project.

The substantial completion date for the project is October 29, 2021. The substantial completion is achieved when all contract items except for landscape restoration are completed. The final completion including landscape restoration will be May 20, 2022. At this time, the tentative start date for the project is set for the week of September 28, 2020. The contractor will mobilize the site and install erosion control measures before beginning the major saw-cutting and digging in the latter half of the week. JNC plans to begin with two construction crews. One crew will begin at Crest Ave and Briar Lane working its way east while the second crew (pending IDOT permit) will begin at IL-83 and Third Ave and work its way south. If the IDOT permit is delayed, the second crew will tentatively begin at IL-83 and Red Oak Ave working its way east from there.

One of the goals of this letter is to prepare you for what to expect as part of the project. There will be a direct impact on those residents who reside on these streets; however, the surrounding area will be impacted by the construction noise, dust, and traffic. We are hopeful of receiving full cooperation from the residents during this project.

Lead Water Service Lines – Over the years, health concerns related to domestic water supply lines composed of lead are well documented. This issue has become more prevalent in recent years. The Village has been approved for a secondary loan, under the Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program, which will provide 100% principal forgiveness for all costs associated with the replacement of lead service lines. Not all of our service lines are comprised of lead, but for every service line we can confirm, the IEPA will in essence pay for the replacement. **This means less cost to you, the customer.** As mentioned in previous correspondences, the Village remains committed to making the project area lead free. As part of the project, any lead service encountered during the project will be replaced to the meter inside the home. Please also review the “Lead Informational Notice” attached at the end of this informational letter.

Daily Work Hours – Daily work hours are from 7:00AM to 7:00PM, Monday thru Friday. At this time we do not anticipate any Saturday work, but will adjust based on progress. No work is permitted on Sundays and holidays. Should the contractor start early, please feel free to call the police department.

Utility Markings – As part of the construction process, the contractor frequently calls J.U.L.I.E. to help assist in the locating of buried utilities. We ask for your cooperation in maintaining the marks and flags, as they are located. We realize this can be a burden during mowing of the parkways. If it is necessary to remove the flags, please replace them in their exact location. Your cooperation will help avoid unnecessary utility outages.

Information Transfer – Information letters, like the one you are reading now, will be updated on the Village website periodically to keep all residents along the project corridor abreast of the current progress and activity of the project. In addition, daily notifications will be delivered (in the form of door hangers) to each resident that will likely be directly affected by the upcoming days' work schedule such as water shutoff. Once the project begins, please make a habit of checking your front door for these notifications. Please feel free to contact me or the Resident Engineer at any time with questions regarding the project. For general project updates, please check the Village website.

Parking / Access to Driveways – It is the intent of the project team to restore access to each driveway at the end of each workday. Due to the nature of narrow streets within the project corridor, there is no room to park on the street overnight. However, should you need to park on the street for any reason, please do so in a manner that will not inhibit traffic movements, especially emergency vehicles. The Village will notify the County Sheriff's office of the ongoing project. We realize parking may be difficult at times during the project, so please be patient and park with common sense. In addition, when parking on the street, a card or placard with your contact information should be placed in a visible location so that we can reach you as necessary for any issue involving your vehicle. Please let the project team know of any circumstances that may require particular or special access needs, either at all times throughout the project or for a specific period.

Garbage Pickup – **Residents in the project area are requested to place their garbage and recyclables at the curbside by 6:00 AM on pickup days during the construction project. The garbage contractor will collect early in the day.** The Village is actively working with the multiple garbage collection companies that serve the area to notify them of the project.

Curbside Branch/Brush Pickup – For the incorporated residents, the Village will be conducting a curbside branch/brush pickup during week of April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug 3, Sept 8, Oct 5, and Nov 2. **Incorporated residents in the project area must place their branch/brush curbside by 7:00 AM on these dates.** The Village will begin their efforts in the construction corridor in attempt to keep the corridor clear for the contractor.

Traffic Control – During working hours, traffic may be hindered in the direct vicinity of the work. We will attempt to maintain traffic flow throughout each day. As mentioned above, notifications are delivered daily to inform those residents which may be affected by the following day's work. We ask for your cooperation in relocating your vehicles away from the proposed work prior to 7:00AM the following morning. If you should park your vehicle within the construction corridor during active working hours, again please leave contact information inside your vehicle on the dashboard in case there is a need to have your vehicle relocated.

The principal intent of traffic control signage is to limit use of the streets in areas under construction to local traffic only. The signs are posted for the safety of the construction crews, pedestrians, drivers, and residents. Please obey all construction signage and respect barricades and warning devices. Roadway closures aren't anticipated at this time; however if possible, it would be in your best interest to avoid the construction zone. Detours may be posted, if necessary.

Mail Deliveries – The US Postal Service will deliver the mail as usual. The Village will work with the Bensenville postmaster if special provisions are required to maintain mail service.

Irrigation / Sprinkler Systems / Pet Fences / Private Drains – The Village asks for your cooperation in locating private irrigation systems, private drains, and pet fences as they are not included in the plans. These systems do not appear on standard JULIE locates. Every effort will be made to avoid damage to these systems where possible. If you are aware of an irrigation system or pet fence at your residence, please call the Resident Engineer (contact info below) so he can make the Contractor aware. The Village is under no obligation to repair or replace private utilities found in the parkway. The more information we receive from the residents, the better the opportunity we will have to help avoid unnecessary and expensive repair bills to the homeowner.

Parkway Materials and Plantings –If you wish to retain plants or other homeowner installed materials that currently are located in the public right-of-way, please move/salvage them from the work area as soon as possible; otherwise, they may be damaged or disposed of during the project. If special arrangements or assistance is required, please contact the project team.

Private Property Work – The contractor may not directly solicit work on private property. However, the contractor may perform private work provided that the work to be done does not impede the Village’s project schedule. If you are interested in obtaining a quote for work from the contractor please contact the contractor for the respective project.

Safety Concerns - It is worth a reminder to say that any construction site is a dangerous situation, perhaps even more so during the hours the contractor is not actually working the area. Please remind yourselves and your children of the dangers inherent in the construction zone that are present at all times. I appreciate your help in trying to maintain as safe a project site as possible. Should there be a particularly hazardous condition, please feel free to contact me or the Resident Engineer.

Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs) – Many of the customers within the project area received multiple letters from me last year with respect to the granting of Temporary Construction Easements (TCE) to the Village to perform work on private property. I want to thank all of those that granted the easements. These easements have been recorded and fully executed and recorded easements will be mailed back to you in the coming weeks.

I do want to take this opportunity to clarify that not all properties need to grant a TCE to the Village. At this time, only those properties that will have service lines rerouted from rear yard watermains to new watermains in the ROW need a TCE. If you were not requested to provide a TCE last year, we do not intend to work on private property.

If however, we confirm that a lead service line exists on your property, regardless of where the new watermains are being installed, we will reach out to you to grant a similar TCE. We will need this permission to enter your property and replace the lead service line with a new non-lead service line up to the connection to your water meter inside the home.

If you are unsure of the need for a TCE, are new to your home (within the last year), or merely want to verify if we have your TCE on record, please call Joe Caracci at 630-350-3435.

Project Contacts - *Who do I call with questions?*

To provide day-to-day construction oversight for the project, the Village has hired the engineering consulting firm of Civiltech Engineering Inc. Greg Rutkowski of Civiltech will be providing this vital role for this project. Please feel free to call Greg with any questions or concerns throughout the project. Greg will be on-site each day and is the **best source** for information regarding the construction aspects and progress of the project. Shown below are the names and available phone numbers of key project personnel. Please retain this letter and post this list in a convenient and accessible location for ready reference throughout the project.

WHITE PINES WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

KEY PERSONNEL AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Contractor

Nick Neri, President

John Neri Construction Company

630.629.8384 (office)

Consulting Engineer:

Greg Rutkowski, Resident Engineer

John Vogelman, Assistant Engineer

Civiltech Engineering Inc

847.878.6709 (mobile)

312.656.0947 (mobile)

Village of Bensenville:

Mehul Patel, Assistant Director

Joe Caracci, Director of Public Works

Public Works Department

630.594.1196 (office – direct)

630.350.3431 (office – direct)

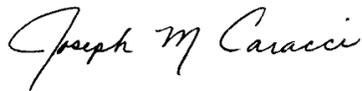
FOR AFTER-HOUR SITUATIONS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION:

POLICE: Emergency Number	911
POLICE: Non-Emergency Number	630.350.3455
POLICE: DuPage County Sherriff	630.407.2400

Resident Contact - Getting information regarding access issues or emergency situations to residents that are not home during the workday is a challenging task. For your consideration, I am enclosing a simple form for your use if you desire to let Public Works know of a daytime phone number where you can be reached in the case of an emergency affecting your residence. The form also could be used to indicate someone to contact if you will be away from the project area for an extended period of time. The form can be mailed or faxed to Public Works to the address or fax number shown thereon or the information may be submitted via e-mail. We will maintain a database of contacts and will utilize this as necessary and practicable during the project, with the information held in strict confidentiality.

In closing, thank you again for your interest, patience, and cooperation as we move through the construction stage of the project. Inevitably there will be disruptions and inconveniences to endure in the coming months. Please contact Greg, Mehul, or myself with any concerns, insights, and suggestions. The Village, consulting engineer, and the contractor are all committed to keeping the lines of communication open and to have a successful and safe project.

Very truly yours,



Joe Caracci, P.E.
Director of Public Works

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DAYTIME NOTIFICATION FORM

I wish to be notified at the following telephone number (s) in the event that the Public Works Department needs to reach me during normal working hours.

Home Address: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Notes or Other Information:

Sprinkler System _____

Pet Fence _____

Existing Drainage _____

Please mail this form to: Bensenville Public Works
Attn: Mehul Patel
717 E. Jefferson Street
Bensenville, IL 60106

or FAX to Public Works: 630-594-1148

or email to Public Works: mpatel@bensenville.il.us

Lead Informational Notice

White Pines Watermain Replacement Project

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Dear Water Customer:

Today's Date: September 23, 2020

Our water system will soon begin a water line maintenance and/or construction project that may affect the lead content of your potable water supply. Lead, a metal found in natural deposits, is harmful to human health, especially young children. The most common exposure to lead is swallowing or breathing in lead paint chips and dust. However, lead in drinking water can also be a source of lead exposure. In the past, lead was used in some water service lines and household plumbing materials. Lead in water usually occurs through corrosion of plumbing products containing lead; however, disruption (construction or maintenance) of lead service lines may also temporarily increase lead levels in the water supply. This disruption may be sometimes caused by water main maintenance/replacement. As of June 19, 1986, new or replaced water service lines and new household plumbing materials could not contain more than 8% lead. Lead content was further reduced on January 4, 2014, when plumbing materials must now be certified as "lead-free" to be used (weighted average of wetted surface cannot be more than 0.25% lead).

The purpose of this notice is for informational purposes only. While it's not known for certain whether or not this particular construction project will adversely affect the lead (if present) plumbing in and outside your home, below describes some information about the project and some preventative measures you can take to help reduce the amount of lead in drinking water.

Project Start Date: September 28, 2020

Project expected to be completed by: May 20, 2022

Project location and description:

Area between IL-83/Third Ave/Church Rd/Forestview Dr in Bensenville and unincorporated DuPage County

Approximately 15,000 LF of new 8-inch watermain installation, 226 new water services to property line,

roadway patching, minor drainage improvements, valve installation, Landscape restoration, Etc

What you can do to reduce lead exposure in drinking water during this construction project:

Run your water to flush out lead. If the plumbing in your home is accessible; you may be able to inspect your own plumbing to determine whether or not you have a lead service line. Otherwise, you will most likely have to hire a plumber.

- If you do not have a lead service line, running the water for 1 – 2 minutes at the kitchen tap should clear the lead from your household plumbing to the kitchen tap. Once you have done this, fill a container with water and store it in the refrigerator for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula throughout the day.
- If you do have a lead service line, flushing times can vary based on the length of your lead service line and the plumbing configuration in your home. The length of lead service lines varies considerably. Flushing for at least 3 – 5 minutes is recommended.

Use cold water for drinking, cooking, and preparing baby formula. Do not cook with or drink water from the hot water tap; lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula.

Look for alternative sources or treatment of water. You may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter that is certified to remove "total lead".

Clean and remove any debris from faucet aerators on a regular basis.

Do not boil water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead.

Purchase lead-free faucets and plumbing components.

Remove the entire lead service line.

Test your water for lead. Call us at: 630-350-3435 to find out how to get your water tested for lead.

While we do not do the testing, we can provide a list of laboratories certified to do the testing. Laboratories will send you the bottles for sample collection. Please note that we are not affiliated with the laboratories and they will charge you a fee.

- If test results indicate a lead level above 15 ug/L, bottled water should be used by pregnant women, breast-feeding women, young children, and formula-fed infants.