



Village of Villa Park

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RE: Harvard Avenue Improvement Project (Jefferson Park to Plymouth)

Dear Resident:

Construction of the Village of Villa Park's **Harvard Avenue Improvement Project (Jefferson Park to Plymouth)** is expected to begin within the next few weeks. Seasonal weather may affect the start date. Preliminary construction efforts, including construction layout, locating of underground utilities, installation of traffic control, and mobilization of equipment and materials, will take place prior to construction. These preliminary efforts should take several days to complete, and full construction operations will follow.

The project consists of installing approximately 1,800 linear feet of 8" water main, including fire hydrants, valves and water services. The project also includes roadway pavement, driveway pavement, and storm sewer removal and replacement. The scope of work will include adjustments to drainage structures, selected sidewalk removal and replacement, parkway restoration, and other incidental work efforts related to the construction. More specific information on this project as well as project related documents can be found under the Project's webpage here: www.invillapark.com/961/Active-Projects.

Traffic within the project area will be affected by construction efforts. **Parking will not be permitted on the street 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 should have access to their driveways overnight throughout most of the project, with the exception of 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.

COVID-19 CONCERNS

As a result of COVID-19, the Village is requesting that communications during this project be limited to phone and e-mail as much as possible. It is recommended that residents avoid personal contact with contractor or engineering personnel on site. Residents in the project area are encouraged to take advantage of several other means of corresponding and receiving information during this time:

- Call the Village of Villa Park Public Works Department at (630) 834-8505, or e-mail engineering@invillapark.com with any questions or concerns that you may have.
- Sign up for [CodeRED](#), the Village's public notification system, to receive notice of scheduled project activities that may cause additional inconvenience.

The general contractor for this project is Builders Paving, LLC., of Hillside, Illinois. The Village will also have a consultant engineer on site throughout the project to oversee and coordinate construction. All questions and comments regarding this project should be directed to the Village of Villa Park Public Works Department by one of the means of communication listed on the previous page. 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 reach out.

WATER SHUT-OFFS

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.

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>.