

THE COMMUNICATOR

YOUR VILLAGE, YOUR TAX DOLLARS: HELP PRESERVE LOCAL REVENUES— A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CANNING

Currently, the Illinois General Assembly in Springfield is considering a \$300 million reduction to the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) in an effort to solve the State's budget crisis. LGDF is Wilmette's share of the income tax you pay to the State of Illinois. This would result in at least a \$647,000 loss of revenue to the Village that will directly impact the Village and you as taxpayers. While we applaud the General Assembly's efforts to cut their spending, cutting local government revenues is not cutting State spending but rather asking the Village of Wilmette and its residents to bail-out the State. Please understand that the revenues at issue are not grants or aid from the State to local governments but are funds collected by the State for the benefit of local governments. Most importantly, the revenues the General Assembly now seeks to cut have been designed to support local services and thereby reduce the property tax burden on local taxpayers.

Unlike the State of Illinois, the Village of Wilmette reacted promptly to the Great Recession and for two consecutive years reduced its operating budget, taking action that reduced the workforce to its lowest level since 1995 and resulting in the lowest property tax increases in the last decade.

Because the Village has already made drastic spending cuts, if the State proceeds with their plan to eliminate \$647,000 in Village revenues, it is likely that the Village Board will have no alternative other than to consider a combination of eliminating long time services and raising property taxes and fees.

Potential Service Cuts

The State's proposed actions will require the Village to potentially cut the following services:

- Leaf Collection
- Sidewalk Snow Plowing
- Street Resurfacing

Potential Tax Increases

Service cuts alone will not be enough to offset the revenue taken away by the State; additional revenues will have to be raised to continue providing essential services:

- A property tax increase is likely, potentially as much as 10% based on current forecasts
- An increase in the Village's gasoline tax and other permit fees would have to be considered

How You Can Help

To ensure that the Village is able to maintain the services our residents expect and to continue to keep the property tax rate as low as possible, I strongly encourage each of you to contact your State Legislators urging them not to reduce the Village's revenue sources.

Let your legislators know that you value the services provided by the Village of Wilmette and do not want to see your taxes raised as a result of their actions.

State budget discussions are ongoing through the month of May so please act now and contact your legislators. Below please find contact information for your legislators and General Assembly Leadership:

- ★ Senator Jeff Schoenberg: 217-782-2119 or senator@jschoenberg.org
- ★ Representative Daniel Biss (17th District): 217-782-4194 or repbiss@gmail.com
- ★ Representative Robyn Gabel (18th District): 217-782-8052 or robyn@robbygabel.com
- ★ Senate President John Cullerton: 217-782-2728
- ★ Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno: 217-782-9407
- ★ Speaker of the House Michael Madigan: 217-782-5350
- ★ House Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie: 217-782-8121
- ★ House Minority Leader Tom Cross: 217-782-1331

Thank you for your assistance in keeping local government revenues where they were intended to be and where they belong – in Wilmette, not Springfield.



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, JULY 3

The 2011 Independence Day Celebration, hosted by the Wilmette Park District, will take place on Sunday, July 3, at Gillson Park. Games and rides for children, entertainment, roving performers, and a Tastefest are all part of the festivities beginning at 4 p.m. A traditional concert of patriotic music by the Palatine Concert Band is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Wallace Bowl. The concert will be preceded by a sneak preview of this summer's Starlight Theatre musical feature, Carousel, at 7:15 p.m. The Grand Fireworks display lights up the sky at 9:30 p.m. In case of rain, the fireworks will be rescheduled to a later date.

TAKE A PACE BUS TO GILLSON PARK FIREWORKS

Parking in and near Gillson Park is limited. The easiest way to get to and from the Independence Day celebration is by using the special Pace shuttle bus service. Motorists may park at Edens Plaza or at the Metra commuter lot. The shuttle bus route will run from Edens Plaza east on Lake Street, south on Green Bay Road, and east on Central Avenue to Gillson Park where passengers will be dropped on Michigan Avenue south of Washington Avenue. Passengers will be picked up all along the route. The shuttle will run about every 10 minutes between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. and then every 5 minutes between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. After the fireworks, the last bus leaves Gillson Park at 11 p.m. The fare is \$3.50 eastbound with free westbound return. Tickets will be issued for the return trip which must be presented before boarding. Exact change only—fare boxes accept dollar bills. Seniors with valid RTA senior reduced fare card and children under 7 are free.

Look for the special marked loading areas at the park for your return trip:

Blue Route: All Stops

Yellow Route: Metra & all stops up to Lake & Ridge

Red Route: Express to Edens Plaza

Motorists who do not live near the bus route are encouraged to park their cars for free at the Wilmette Metra commuter lot or the Village Hall lot for a short bus ride to Gillson Park. Or alternatively, park on side streets along the bus route, parking lots around Lake & Ridge, or at Edens Plaza (in the evening), and ride the bus from there.

IMPORTANT TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INFORMATION

Please consider taking public transportation. When arriving at the park, please make note of the following:

- ★ Beginning at 6:00 pm, Sheridan Road will be closed to all vehicle traffic between Lake and Isabella.
- ★ A drop-off and pick-up zone will be established in the 900 block of Michigan. Traffic will enter east on Forest and exit west on Lake. Signs will be posted along Sheridan Road north of Lake directing vehicles to this zone.
- ★ Due to the large amount of pedestrian traffic, if you park in the beach lot the Police Department will hold all vehicle traffic leaving Gillson Park until the majority of the pedestrian traffic has cleared the top of the hill. Please expect to wait in your car until the pedestrian traffic has cleared. We appreciate your patience!





INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, GILLSON PARK SUNDAY, JULY 3

Festival Stage

4:30 p.m.-9 p.m. - Emcee: Ken Schultz, *The Flying Fool*
 4:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m. - Dance Force, *Performance Dance*
 Team of the Wilmette Center for Dance
 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. - Catch This! *Comedic Juggling Duo*
 6:45 p.m.-7:15 p.m. - The Jesse White Tumblers, *Sponsored*
by the Village of Wilmette
 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m. - Blooze Brothers, *Nation's #1 Blues*
 Brothers Tribute Band
 10 p.m.- 10:45 p.m. - The Dooleys, *Folk, Irish, Swing & Good*
Old Rock & Roll

Roving Entertainers

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. - Dennis DeBondt, *Very Funny Magic*
 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. - Frank Birdsall, *Uncle Sam on Stilts*
 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. - John Scheurich, *Juggle*

Sports, Games & Rides

4 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. - Games and Races (in the main game area), *Preschool-Adult*
 4 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. - Carnival Games (in the Big Tent), *Preschool through 8 years old*
 4 p.m.-7 p.m. - Free Throws (south of Big Tent), *Grades 2-3 & 4-8. Final rounds: 7 p.m.*
 4 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Speed Pitch (south of softball field)
 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. - Face Painting (tent near Moonwalk)
All Ages
 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. - Moonwalk
 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. - Mini Golf, Tot Train, Giant Slide

Food

4 p.m. until closing - Taste-Fest, featuring some of your favorite restaurants

July 3rd Independence Day Concert At Wallace Bowl

7:15 p.m. - Broadway Show Sneak Preview: *Carousel*
 Palatine Concert Band

July 3rd Grand Fireworks Display

9:30 p.m. - Shot over Lake Michigan between the Pier and Wilmette Harbor

In case of rain, fireworks will be rescheduled to a later date

FUN RUN/WALK FOR FUN- SUNDAY, JULY 3 AT GILLSON PARK

The Fun Run, Walk for Fun and Youth Run are among the most popular Independence Day celebration events. This great opportunity to stretch your legs and mingle with your neighbors begins at 8 a.m. in Gillson Park. There are six categories for men and women in the Fun Run contest, with awards presented in all categories. The Walk for Fun is for recreation only—no awards are presented. To accommodate the large number of entrants, the Youth Run has three age groups—6-7, 8-9 and 10-13. Pee Wee runners are age 5 and under. Awards are given in each of the children's categories.

This year's Adult Fun Run will continue to use the ChampionChip timing system. Day of the race registration opens at 7 a.m. Race chips will be distributed on race day only. The race route will be slightly modified this year due to local road construction.

Early adult registrations are \$20. On July 3 the adult fee is \$25. Registration for children is \$10. Participants receive a race T-shirt. Note: Pee Wees (5 & under) run for free and registration is not required. Registration options:

- ★ Register online at www.wilmettepark.org until Noon on Friday, July 1.
- ★ Register in person at the Park District's Administrative Offices in Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Ave., until 5 p.m. Friday, July 1.
- ★ Register in person at the Community Recreation Center, 3000 Glenview Rd. until 4 p.m. Saturday, July 2.
- ★ Registration will also be available in Gillson Park on the morning of the race.

For more information call the Wilmette Park District at 847-256-6100.

2011 FUN RUN AND WALK IN GILLSON PARK SCHEDULE

7:00 a.m.	Open Registration at the Big Tent
7:30 a.m.	Runners warm up
8:00 a.m.	Adult Fun Run, Men & Women, 13 & Up
8:00 a.m.	Adult Walk For Fun, (recreational only)
	Men & Women, 13 & Up
9:15 a.m.	Youth Run, ages 6-7
9:25 a.m.	Youth Run, ages 8-9
9:35 a.m.	Youth Run, ages 10-13
9:45 a.m.	Pee Wee Run, 5 & under, no registration required



WATERING REGULATIONS IN EFFECT

During the warm weather months, water restrictions are imposed by the Village as required by the State of Illinois. Sprinkling is prohibited through September 15th, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sprinkling during prohibited hours may be permitted for a limited time by the Director of Engineering, for newly seeded or sod areas, and for the annual activation or repair of sprinkler systems. To obtain special approval, call 847-853-7660.

WILMETTE RECEIVES TREE CITY USA RECOGNITION

For the 27th consecutive year, the Village of Wilmette is proud to be recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community. Wilmette has met the four standards required of Tree City USA by maintaining a forestry division, a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

SENIOR CONDOMINIUMS AVAILABLE - CONSIDER THE VILLAGE GREEN ATRIUM

The Village Green Atrium is a 35-unit condominium building for those 62 years of age and older. There are 25 one-bedroom units and 10 two-bedroom units. On a case by case basis, the Village of Wilmette may act as the resale entity, repurchasing units and selling them at a formula price.

The following units are currently available for purchase:

Unit 109
\$109,056.31
One-Bedroom- 780 SF

Unit 101
\$131,135.98
Two-Bedroom- 980 SF

Unit 210
\$140,142.55
Two-Bedroom- 980 SF

Each unit is individually heated and air conditioned with a kitchen that includes a refrigerator, electric range, dishwasher, and garbage disposal. The units are carpeted throughout the living, dining, bedroom, and entry.

For more information regarding these units or to receive a Village Green Atrium application, please contact Erika Fabisch, Community Development Department, at 847-853-7522 or fabische@wilmette.com.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

The Village of Wilmette Historic Preservation Commission of the Village of Wilmette invites nominations for its 19th Annual Historic Preservation Awards Program. Nominations are open to residential, commercial, public, and religious buildings as well as landscapes within the village limits.

Nomination categories are:

1. Stewardship Awards acknowledge property owners of five years or longer who have retained the historic appearance of their property.
2. Restoration Awards acknowledge projects in which a building, garden or landscape has been returned to its historic appearance. The restoration of an interior space will also be eligible.
3. Sympathetic Addition Awards acknowledge alterations or additions to existing structures which are sensitive to their historic character.
4. Streetscape Compatibility Awards acknowledge exceptional examples of new construction which are sympathetic to the historic character of their neighborhoods or settings.

Special mention will be given to those projects which have used environmentally sensitive or "green" materials in their restoration or construction. The nominated sites will be judged by a panel of preservation professionals, and the winners will be honored at a special award ceremony co-sponsored by the Wilmette Historical Museum in October. Nomination forms are available at www.wilmette.com and the Village Hall. Completed nominations must be submitted by Friday, July 29th. For more information, please contact Erika Fabisch at 847-853-7522 or email Fabische@wilmette.com.

PARK DISTRICT PAPER SHREDDING EVENT, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**9 a.m. – noon at Mallinckrodt Community Center
of the Wilmette Park District
1041 Ridge Ave., Wilmette
Sponsored by Edens Bank**



Dispose of cancelled checks, bank statements, old income tax forms, etc. in a secure and ecologically friendly manner. A document shredding truck will be located in the parking lot. After shredding your documents, come inside the Park District's newest community center in the Mallinckrodt building to enjoy free donuts and coffee. Attend a workshop on the Management and Organization of Personal Papers as well as view a gallery filled with the works of

local artists. For more information call 847-256-9623.



HOLIDAY REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE WILL DELAY ALL COLLECTION SERVICES BY ONE DAY

Due to the Independence Day Holiday falling on Monday, July 4th, Veolia, the Village's refuse contractor, will not collect refuse, recycling and yard waste as normally scheduled. Collection services for the entire week of July 4th will be delayed by one day. The Monday route for refuse and recycling will be serviced on Tuesday, and so forth with the Friday route collected on Saturday. Likewise, yard waste normally collected on Wednesday for the entire Village, will be collected on Thursday. Collection services will return to the normal schedule the week of July 11th. Collection will also be delayed by one day in observance of Labor Day during the week of September 5th.

COMINGS AND GOINGS ON THE VILLAGE BOARD - A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CANNING

As a result of our most recent municipal election, the composition of our Village Board has changed. In addition to the re-election of Trustee Mike Basil, we welcome two new Trustees, Bob Bielinski and Julie Wolf who were elected to four year terms. I am excited to work with this dynamic group.

Unfortunately, we must say goodbye to two retiring members of the Board. Mari Terman has served the Village in an exemplary fashion, serving since 2005 on the Village Board and prior to that as Chair of the Board of Health and Chair of the Senior Resources Commission. While on the Village Board, Trustee Terman served as Chair of the Village Board Municipal Services Committee, overseeing construction of the Public Works Village Yard Improvements which received Gold LEED certification-the Village's first such certification.

Likewise, Karen Spillers has served as a Village Trustee since 2007, working tirelessly to develop the cornerstone of the Village's economic development efforts with the Shop Wilmette campaign. Trustee Spillers served as Chair of the Village Board Administration Committee, spearheading the consolidation of the Village's Boards and Commissions which ensured an efficient and effective Village government that is focused on providing the best possible services to the community.

Mari and Karen's passion for the Village is unsurpassed. Their incredible contributions will be missed.

One of the best ways you can serve your community is to volunteer to support the Village's many Boards and Commissions. The newly created Human Relations Commission is seeking members. If you are interested, visit the Village website to learn more about the Commission and submit a talent bank questionnaire.

STREAMING BOARD MEETINGS & BUSINESS SEGMENTS

Streaming video of Village Board and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are now available on the Village website. To reduce the cost of this initiative, the Village has partnered with the Wilmette Park District and School District #39 whose meetings are also available on the website.

Special business segments may also be found online, including a behind the scenes look at what Zier's Prime Meats and Poultry as well as Depot Nuevo have to offer. If you are interested in having your business featured, contact Lucas Sivertsen at 847-853-7520 or sivertsenl@wilmette.com.

UPCOMING MUSEUM EVENTS

St. Joseph Cemetery Walking Tours

Saturday, June 11, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. repeated on Saturday, July 16, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Free for members, \$5 for non-members

Join us on either Saturday for our first-ever tour of historic St. Joseph Cemetery at Ridge and Lake. Learn about the German farmers who founded Gross Point, the cemetery itself, and the colorful stories behind the stones. Please phone 847-853-7666 for reservations.

Coming in September:

Plans are in the works for two exciting new programs this fall. Please check the Museum website, www.wilmettehistory.org, or find us on Facebook for updates.

"Introduction to Architecture" is a 10-week class especially designed for students ages 10-13. The class will cover basic concepts, how to read an architectural plan, drawing to scale, building a scale model, key vocabulary and much more.

"Strolling Through the CAGE" will be an hour-long tour on September 10th of historic residences for parents and their stroller-bound children. Bring a latte and your walking shoes and you'll be ready for some real insights into the architectural homes and families who once lived in this beautiful neighborhood.

NEW EXHIBIT

"Oh You Flapper: Fashion Highlights from the 1920s"

Come in and experience the Jazz Age through the colorful and exciting medium of fashion. Our newest exhibit showcases lovely examples from this notable fashion era, from ankle-length, tube-shaped dresses of the early years, to the knee-high silk numbers dripping with baubles, to end-of-the-decade Flamenco-style gowns.

The Museum is open Sunday through Thursday, 1:00 - 4:30 pm. For more information, stop by the Museum at 609 Ridge Road, call 847-853-7666, or visit us on Facebook or our website www.wilmettehistory.org.



WILMETTE FRENCH MARKET

The French Market is now open! The Market will run every Saturday morning (8am -1pm) through October in Wilmette's Village Center, just east of the Metra station. Several vendors will be offering certified organic produce this year as well as "earth friendly" produce grown using organic pesticides. The market will feature abundant seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables, plants, breads and baked items, cheese, all natural meat, flowers, olive oils from local and regional vendors. Please check the Village's website for additional information throughout the summer.

WILMETTE SUMMERFEST

The Wilmette Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Wilmette Summerfest on Friday and Saturday, July 8-9.

This new event features two days of great entertainment, delicious food, an art festival, and children's activities, with the "best bargains on the North Shore" on merchandise from Wilmette's finest stores and specialty vendors. Activities take place in Village Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday.

Shoppers can enjoy great family entertainment on Saturday with a variety of performances during the day and live music continuing in the evening until 9 p.m. at which time the festival moves indoors to the Wilmette Theatre for a very special Comedy At the Mette stand-up comedy show with headliner Cameron Esposito (TBS Just For Laughs, Aspen Comedy Festival, Best Female Comic Chicago Comedy Awards nominee and more.)

The 2011 Wilmette Summerfest is presented by the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce, @properties, A Center for Oriental Medicine, The Big Picture Home Theater Co., Duxler Complete Auto Care, F.J. Kerrigan Plumbing, Inc., Fifth Third Bank, Gabrius Dental P.C., Higher Gear, Lake & Green Bay Auto Repair Center, Lambrecht's Jewelers, North Shore Community Bank, Premier Bank, RolfSalon and Wilmette Bicycle & Sport Shop.

Check the Wilmette Chamber of Commerce website, www.wilmettechamber.org, for detailed information.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT SCREENINGS

- ★ Adult hearing screenings, in cooperation with the Audiology Clinic of Northwestern University, on July 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Screenings by appointment only. No cost.
- ★ Lipid profile (cholesterol) and Glucose (diabetes) screening on June 15 and August 17 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Screening is by appointment only. Cost: \$20

- ★ CPR course for \$20 on July 21 and September 15 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Registration is required.

- ★ Blood Pressure Screening every Tuesday from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Village Hall. No appointment is necessary.

To register or make an appointment for any of the programs noted above, please contact Health Nurse Dianne Bader at 847-853-7507 or e-mail at baderd@wilmette.com.

WELCOME TO NEW BUSINESSES

The Village welcomes its newest businesses and thanks them for choosing Wilmette. Please remember to visit these and other Wilmette businesses while shopping this summer. The Village has a strong group of local merchants who are committed to you and appreciate your commitment to them. By supporting our businesses and buying locally, your sales tax dollars help pay for public services.

NEW RETAILERS

The Bottle Shop
1148 Central Avenue
(847) 256-777
New Location!

The Design Center for Kitchen & Bath
1138 Central Avenue
Coming Soon!

Lawrence Dean's Bakery
637 Green Bay Road
Coming Soon!

Velosmith Bicycle Studio
805 Ridge Road
(847) 290-9360

Subway
West Lake Plaza
(847) 290-0500

PERSONAL SERVICES

North Shore Guitar Academy
165 Green Bay Road
(847) 256-5400

Growth Spurts
404 Linden Avenue
Coming Soon!

Tiger Martial Arts
1417 Lake Avenue
(847) 674-8990

NEW RESTAURANTS

Five Guys Burgers & Fries
Edens Plaza
(847) 256-2910





FIREWORKS SAFETY

When handled by professionals, fireworks can add immensely to the enjoyment of many holidays, including Independence Day. To keep these holidays from turning into tragedies, leave fireworks to the professionals, who take extensive safety precautions when producing their spectacular displays.

Injuries

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, hospital emergency departments treat almost 10,000 people annually injured by fireworks. These injuries include those caused by small firecrackers, bottle rockets and sparklers.

For children under 10, sparklers are the most frequent cause of fireworks injuries. Children under two are especially at risk as they become fascinated by the bright sparks and can wrap their hands around a stick of fire that burns as hot as 1,800 degrees.

People Have A Lot to Lose

Injuries are only part of the problem. In the last reported year, fire departments were called to more than 51,600 fires started by fireworks. Those fires caused over \$36.4 million in property damage.

Legal Does Not Mean Safe

For all these reasons, those who see the injuries and damage from fireworks - firefighters, paramedics and physicians - agree on this strong warning: **LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS.**

FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE

Late this summer, the Wilmette Fire Department will be conducting fire hydrant maintenance on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. When maintenance is performed in your area, it may cause some discoloration/rust in your water. While this discoloration is harmless for drinking, it may stain your laundry. Let your faucets run until the water is clear. If discoloration continues, call the Public Works Department at 847-853-7500. If you have any questions, contact Assistant to the Fire Chief Rick Ciccione at 847-853-7693.

FIRE OPEN HOUSE

Save the date- the Fire Department Open House will be held on Saturday, October 8th.

The Open House includes special appearances by Sparky the Fire Dog, specialized fire apparatus and public safety equipment, and even a chance to put out a fire with a real fire hose! For more information visit www.wilmette.com.

Q & A ABOUT WILMETTE'S WATER SUPPLY

Included in this issue of The Communicator is the Village's Annual Water Quality Report. Below are some frequently asked questions regarding the Village's water:

What is the short answer to "how's my water quality?"

The enclosed water quality report contains a lot of information and data. The short answer is that the Village's water quality is excellent and is safe to drink.

Why does water sometimes have a musty taste and odor?

During the summer months, residents may notice a slight "musty" or "earthy" taste and odor in the water. The chemicals that cause this are naturally occurring but harmless in the concentrations found in Wilmette's drinking water. The Village adds activated carbon to the water to help remove these odors. Keeping an open container of water in the refrigerator allows the odor to dissipate and improves the taste of the water.

Why does water coming out of the faucet sometimes look milky or opaque?

This generally occurs in cold weather, when water entering the house is colder than the temperature inside. Cold water holds more oxygen than warm water. As the cold water warms, the oxygen escapes in tiny air bubbles that make the water look "milky".

What is the hardness of Wilmette water?

Wilmette's tap water has a hardness of 150 mg/l or about 8.2 grains per gallon. Very hard water, such as well water, presents problems for many dishwashers and washing machines—this is not a concern with Wilmette's water.

Is bottled water safer than tap water?

Not necessarily. Studies have shown that microbes may grow in the bottles while on the grocers' shelves. Residents do not need to buy bottled water for safety reasons if your tap water meets all federal and state drinking water standards (Wilmette's does!). Those who prefer water with a different taste, can buy bottled water, but it costs up to 1,000 times more than tap water. In emergencies, bottled water can be a vital source of drinking water for those without water.





★ JUNE 2011 / SEPTEMBER 2011 ★



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Village Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30pm.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets on the first and third Wednesday each month at 7:30pm.

The Plan Commission meets on the first Tuesday each month at 7:00pm.

Web Site:

www.wilmette.com

Business Hours:

7:30 am - 4:30 pm:

Mon, Tues, Thur and Fri

7:30 am - 2 pm:

Wed

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ONLINE BILL PAY

The Village accepts the payment of quarterly water, sewer and refuse bills online. There is no additional charge for this payment option, which accepts Visa and MasterCard. Visit the homepage of the Village website to pay your bills.



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Wilmette, Illinois . 60091

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VILLAGE E-MAIL LISTS

Visit the homepage of the Village website to sign-up for one of the many e-mail lists provided by the Village. Lists include Police Crime Alerts, General Village News, Construction Updates, Village Board Meeting Agendas, Zoning Ordinance Update, and more!

Local Postal Customer
Wilmette, IL 60091

Annual Water Quality Report 2010

Dear Resident:

Since 1998, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has required the Village's water plant, as a water producing and treatment agency, to conduct water quality tests and to inform residents of the test results. The Village is pleased to report that again for the year 2010, the water plant met or exceeded the USEPA standards, and did not have a violation of a contaminant level or any other water quality standard. This article will detail the water treatment process and explain the USEPA water quality standards. The Wilmette Water Plant is committed to providing you with the safest and most reliable water supply.

We encourage public interest and participation in our community's decisions affecting drinking water. Regular Village Board Meetings occur on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month starting at 7:30 pm at The Village Hall, 1200 Wilmette Avenue. Information on agendas for these meetings can be viewed at the bulletin boards located at the Metra Train Station and the Village Hall or on the Village's web site, www.wilmette.com. Detailed information on the water purification process is also available on this website. For questions about this report or to receive a copy, please contact Nabil Quafisheh, Water Plant Superintendent, at 847-853-7531 or at quafishehn@wilmette.com. Further information on our community water supply's source water assessment is available on the USGS web site at <http://il.water.usgs.gov> or by calling the Groundwater section of the Illinois EPA at 217-785-4787.

The drinking water supplied by the Wilmette Water Plant meets or surpasses all Federal and State drinking-water standards.

Water Treatment Process

The Village receives its raw water from Lake Michigan. It is treated at the Wilmette Water Plant on the lakefront and pumped into the water distribution system. A standpipe (4 million gallons) and an underground reservoir-pumping station (3 million gallons) provide additional storage of treated water on the west side of the Village. These storage reserves are used to maintain water pressure in the distribution system.

The water plant uses a mixture of chemicals, settling basins and filters to remove all contaminants to below regulated levels. A chlorine residual is maintained throughout the plant and distribution system to prevent the growth of bacteria. Operators are on duty 24 hours a day year-round to monitor the water system. In addition, the water plant has an Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) certified laboratory for conducting bacteriological testing.

At times, the quality of the raw lake water that enters the water plant is affected by the opening of the locks operated by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC), or from runoff from the use of fertilizers and herbicides on area lawns and golf courses.

The MWRDGC owns and controls a set of locks located in Wilmette Harbor that are occasionally opened during heavy rainfall events to release sewer overflow into the lake. These contaminants, however, do not affect the quality or the safety of the finished water that is delivered to consumers.

Source Water Assessment

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 intakes with no protection, only dilution, which is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. A workgroup from the Great Lakes States was organized to develop a protocol for assessing the Great Lakes. The mission of the Great Lakes Protocol was to develop a consistent procedure allowing the flexibility necessary to properly conduct source water assessments of the Great Lakes as a drinking water source. This flexibility takes into account the variability of these sources and site-specific concerns for determination of source sensitivity and susceptibility (Illinois EPA, 1999). Sensitivity is defined as the intrinsic ability of surface water to be isolated from contaminants by the physical attributes of the hydrologic or geologic setting. With this in mind, the degree of sensitivity becomes the prevailing factor in the susceptibility determination for intakes on the Great Lakes. Intakes located close to shore, or close to a major shipping lane will be more sensitive and thus more susceptible to potential contamination. The sensitivity analysis of both Wilmette's intakes show that they are located enough offshore that shoreline impacts are not considered a factor on water quality. However, at certain times of the year the potential for contamination exists due to wet-weather flows from the North Shore Channel. If currents are flowing in a northerly direction, contaminants from these could migrate to Wilmette's intakes and compromise water quality. Correlation between Evanston's rainfall data, North Shore Channel discharge dates, and Wilmette's coliform data show the potential effect of these flows on Wilmette's water quality. In addition, the proximity to a major shipping lane adds to the susceptibility should there be a spill near the intakes. Water supply officials from Wilmette are active members of the West Shore Water Producers Association. Coordination regarding water quality situations (i.e., spills, tanker leaks, exotic species, etc) is frequently discussed during the association's quarterly meetings. Lake Michigan, as well as all the Great Lakes, has many different organizations and associations that are currently working to either maintain or improve water quality. Since the predominant land use within Illinois' boundary of Lake Michigan watershed is urban, a majority of watershed protection activities in this document is aimed at this purpose.

Water Contaminants

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Drug Administration (FDA)

regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

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 dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- ★ 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

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.

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. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791.



Regulated Contaminants Detected in 2010



Lead and Copper Test Results

Definitions:

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which water system must follow.

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's all for a margin of safety.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	08/02/2008	1.3	1.3	0.099	0	ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	08/02/2008	0	15	5.99	0	ppb	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems: erosion of natural deposits.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

Maximum Contaminant Level or (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

ppm or mg/L: milligrams per liter or parts per million – or one ounce in 7,350 gals of water

ppb or ug/L: micrograms per liter or parts per billion – or one ounce in 7,350,000 gals of water

N/A: not applicable

Avq: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or (MRDL): The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Goal or (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants

NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units

TT: Treatment Technique

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Units	MCLG	MCL	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products								
Chlorine		0.80	0-0.8933	ppm	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)*		13	10-15.5	ppb	No goal for the total	60	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total trihalomethanes (TTHM)*		23	15.9-27	ppb	No goal for the total	80	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium		0.019	0.02 - 0.02	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride		1	1.1 - 1.1	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; fertilizer discharge
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)		1	0.57 - 0.57	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium **		10	12 - 12	ppm			No	Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; used in water softener regeneration
Radioactive Contaminants								
Combined Radium 226 / 228	1/14/2008	1.69	1.69 - 1.69	0	5	pCi / L	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	1/14/2008	0.72	0.72 - 0.72	0	10	pCi / L	No	Erosion of natural deposits

*Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should be in the future

**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 water.

Turbidity	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Source
Highest single measurement	1 NTU	0.08 NTU	No	Soil Runoff
Lowest monthly % meeting limit	0.30 NTU	100%	No	Soil Runoff

Information Statement: Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. The Village monitors it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of the Water Plant's filtration system and disinfectants.

Total Organic Carbon

The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set, unless a TOC violation is noted in the violation section.

Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR)

The objective of the LT2ESWTR, published by the US EPA, is to reduce the incidence of disease associated with Cryptosporidium and other pathogenic organisms. As required by the LT2ESWTR, the Village of Wilmette water plant collected source water (Lake Michigan), not finished water, samples for Cryptosporidium, E. Coli, Giardia and turbidity once per month for a period of 24 months from April 2007 to March 2009. Cryptosporidium was detected in the source water (Raw Lake Michigan) in six out of twenty four samples collected. The table to the right summarizes the results:

Contaminant	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Units	Violation
E. Coli	3.1	< 1 - 3.1	MPN/100 ml	No
Giardia	1	0 - 1	Cysts/L	No
Cryptosporidium	0.2	0 - 0.2	Oocysts/L	No
Turbidity	24.9	0.72 - 24.9	NTU	No

Due to the low average concentration detected of Cryptosporidium, the Illinois EPA has determined that the current water treatment used by the Village of Wilmette is sufficient and no additional treatment is required. We believe it is important for you to know that Cryptosporidium may cause serious illness in 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. These people should seek advice from their health care providers.

