



April 20, 2016

A LETTER TO PRIVATE WELL OWNERS WITHOUT ACCESS TO THE VILLAGE
MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM

Re: Connection to Lake Michigan Water

Dear Private Well Owner,

You are receiving this letter as one of 222 homes currently on private well without access to the Village's municipal water system. As you may know, this summer the Village will be installing a water main on your street. This new water main will provide your home with access to the municipal water system. These improvements are being completed as part of the Village's transition to Lake Michigan water.

Although you will now have access to municipal water once the water main is installed, properties currently on private wells **will not** be required to connect. These properties can continue to utilize their private wells for as long as they choose.

If a property owner wishes to connect, there are a number of important factors to consider. Attached is a list of frequently asked questions to help provide you with additional information on the process to make connection to the municipal water system. The FAQ sheet outlines the process, what work the Village will perform and what work will be the responsibility of the property owner.

As an incentive to encourage connection to the system and provide some financial assistance to private well owners, the Village is offering a temporary waiver of the Village imposed water connection fee (typically there is a \$2,900 fee that is imposed upon initial connection to the water system). If residents connect within two years of when Lake Michigan water is available, 100% of the fee will be waived, and if you connect by the third year the fee will be reduced by 50%.

Please review the enclosed materials and feel free to contact the Village Hall if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Village of Lindenhurst

Connection to Lake Michigan Water – Private Wells Frequently Asked Questions

Am I required to connect to Lake Michigan water?

No, the Village will not require anyone who is currently utilizing a private well to connect to the Village's municipal water system. However, the option is available to you.

There currently is not a water main located on my street. Will there be one?

Yes, this summer the Village will be installing water mains on all streets where there is not currently a water main. Those streets include Briar Lane, Sunset, Thornwood, Old Elm (partial), Woodlane, Fairfield (partial), Ridgeland, Countryside, and Laurel (partial).

What is involved with connection to Lake Michigan water?

The Village will install a new water main down your street. As part of our installation project, we will also install a connection point with a shut-off valve located in the front yard of each property to allow for future connection if you do not choose to connect now. From the main, a service line will need to be installed on your property that will complete the connection to your internal plumbing system. Also, metering equipment will be installed inside your home for water metering purposes. The cost of the installation of the service line and metering equipment is the responsibility of the property owner.

If I want to connect to Lake Michigan water, what do I need to do?

The Village has taken a number of steps to assist those property owners interested in connecting to Lake Michigan water. Each property owner is responsible for installing the service line from your home to the shut-off valve. As a convenience to residents, the Village has prepared a list of prequalified plumbing contractors who could perform the work. That list is attached. We encourage each property owner to obtain at least three (3) price quotes.

Am I required to obtain a building permit to perform the work?

Yes, a building permit is needed from the Village and either the property owner or your selected plumbing contractor can obtain the permit. Once you receive the permit, work can begin. After the work is complete, the property owner will need to schedule an appointment with the Village for the installation of the necessary metering equipment within your home.

Can I use my own contractor to complete the work?

Yes. Property owners can use any licensed plumbing contractor of their choice. The Village has established a list of possible contractors in an effort to assist property owners in the process. In addition, to take advantage of economies of scale, neighbors may want to work together to obtain group pricing.

Will I be charged a fee by the Village to connect to the system?

The Village has adopted an incentive/assistance program to help residents interested in connecting to the municipal system. Normally, a one-time \$2,900 fee is imposed to all properties that connect to the Village's water system. However, for residents who are currently on private well and have not previously had access to the municipal water system, the Village is waiving the connection fee for two years from when Lake Michigan water is available, and the fee is reduced by 50% in the third year.

Is there any advantage to connecting to the system now?

Yes, the Village has adopted an incentive program to offer reduced connection fees for those residents who choose to connect in the next three years. There are also advantages to the quality of Lake Michigan water that could save you money and reduce the impacts on your appliances and fixtures in your home. Lake Michigan water is naturally soft water and eliminates the need for in-home water softening systems.

Am I responsible for any problems with the service line in the future?

Yes, just as you are currently responsible for the line from your private well to your home, the portion of the line from the Village's shut-off valve to your home is the responsibility of the property owner.

If I elect to connect, can I still use my private well for outdoor irrigation?

Yes. Property owners can continue to utilize their private wells for outdoor irrigation purposes. Property owners are responsible for maintaining compliance with all IEPA and Lake County Health Department regulations related to private wells.

Can I connect now, or do I have to wait until Lake Michigan water?

Yes, once the new water main is installed on your street, residents can make the connection to the Village water system. You do not have to wait until Lake Michigan is available, which is anticipated in 2018.

List of possible area plumbing contractors

Colette & Ano – 822 Pickard Ave. Antioch, IL 60002 - 847-395-6600

Leo J. Fox Trucking – 23226 Grass Lake Rd. Antioch, IL 60002 - 847-395-0045

Tangney & Son Sewer – 41550 N. Rt. 45. Antioch, IL 60002 - 847-599-0635

Diemer Plumbing & Excavating – 24405 W. Diemer Rd. Antioch, IL 60002 - 847-395-1004

Duane Blanton Plumbing & Sewer – 600 Long Lake Dr. Round Lake, IL 60073 - 847-855-000

RMA Mechanical – 25083 W. Forest Dr. Lake Villa, IL 60046 - 847-265-0800

Chain O'Lakes Plumbing – 810 Sunset Dr. Round Lake, IL 60073 - 847-546-4988

Antioch Plumbing – 631 Gary's Dr. Antioch, IL 60002 - 847-838-9478

Tom Ruhl Plumbing – P.O. Box 67, Lake Villa, IL 60046 - 847-356-9280

Lake Cook Plumbing Service, Inc. – 1155 Ensell Rd. Lake Zurich, IL 60047 - 847-416-0545

The Village of Lindenhurst has developed a list of possible plumbing contractors that can be used to install the water service line to your home. These contractors were chosen based on 3 criteria; being a local company, length of time in business, and industry reputation.

This list is being provided as a convenience. You are not required to utilize one of the contractors on the list, and the Village is not responsible for the actual workmanship of any of the contractors listed.