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Sauk Village

Dear Resident:

Sauk Village has been working with the Illinois EPA since 2009 to assist the Village with providing safe drinking water to the citizens of Sauk Village. The Village has already taken steps and is working with the Illinois EPA to ensure that the required drinking standards are being met.

However, the Village was notified that the drinking water in the community water supply has reached the maximum contaminant level (MCL) prevention standard of 1 part per billion (ppb) for vinyl chloride according to the Illinois EPA. Vinyl chloride was detected and confirmed most recently in finished water from Treatment Application Point 01 at a level of 1.68 ppb.

Exposure to vinyl chloride in excess of the federal safe drinking water standard of 2 parts per billion over many years poses a health risk. The Village water supply is currently below the federal MCL.

The Village believes the federal MCL could be reached in the near future, so the Village will offer Village residents bottled water for drinking and cooking. The Village is currently working to obtain bottled water for its residents.

The notice is required under Section 25d-3(a) of the Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/25d-3(a)] that there has been a confirmed detection of groundwater contamination that poses a threat of exposure to the public above the Class I groundwater quality standards.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Illinois EPA News Release. I encourage you to read the enclosed notice in regards to the Drinking Water Supply.

POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECT INFORMATION

The possible human health effects associated with vinyl chloride are summarized below from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) drinking water contaminant factsheet for vinyl chloride:

What are vinyl chloride's health effects?

Some people who drink water containing vinyl chloride well in excess of the maximum contaminant level (MCL), set at 2 ppb, for many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

This health effects language is not intended to catalog all possible health effects for vinyl chloride. Rather, it is intended to inform consumers of some of the possible health effects associated with vinyl chloride in drinking water when the rule was finalized.

How is vinyl chloride regulated?

In 1974, Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act. This law requires U.S. EPA to determine safe levels of contaminants in drinking water which do or may cause health problems. These non-enforceable health goals, based solely on possible health risks and exposure over a lifetime, are called maximum contaminant level goals (MCLG). The MCLG for vinyl chloride is zero. U.S. EPA has set this level of protection based on the best available science to prevent potential health problems.

In Illinois, the drinking water standard is two-tiered. The MCL prevention standard is 1 ppb. Accordingly, the groundwater standard is 2 ppb.

The complete contaminant factsheet for vinyl chloride can be found on U.S. EPA's Website at:

<http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/basicinformation/vinyl-chloride.cfm>

Another fact sheet on vinyl chloride by the Illinois Department of Public Health can be found at:

<http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/factsheets/vinyl-chloride.htm>

Illinois EPA's March 2012 fact sheet, "Sauk Village Water Supply Contamination Issue" can be found at:

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/community-relations/fact-sheets/sauk-village/index.html>

Mayor Lewis Towers and Sauk Village Board of Trustees



NEWS RELEASE

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Phone: 217/782-3397

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 16, 2012

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Illinois EPA Notifies Sauk Village Public Drinking Water Supply of Right to Know Requirements

Agency confirms vinyl chloride contamination and requires customers to be notified

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has notified the Sauk **Village public drinking water supply** that there has been a confirmed detection of groundwater contamination that poses a threat of exposure to the public and is above the Illinois maximum contaminant level (MCL) prevention standard.

Sauk Village also provides finished drinking water to Candlelight Village Mobile Home Park and Weatherstone Lakes Mobile Home Park, which are secondary users.

Vinyl chloride (VC) has been detected and confirmed in **finished** (distributed) water at 1.68 parts per billion (ppb). This level exceeds the MCL prevention standard for vinyl chloride of 1.0 ppb. Illinois' MCL prevention law requires treatment below 1.0 ppb.

The Environmental Protection Act requires the water supply, and any secondary users, to provide notification to its customers of this contamination by mail, email, post card, text message or telephone, within five business days of official receipt of the Illinois EPA's notice. The public drinking water supply must provide the Illinois EPA with written proof of the notifications within seven calendar days after they are sent.

The Illinois EPA will post this press release and other appropriate notifications on its web site at: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/drinking-water-watch/pws-well-contamination/index.html>.

U.S. EPA has indicated that there is no safe level of VC. Some people who ingest water contaminated with VC over long periods of time can experience adverse health effects. The factsheet containing complete health information for VC can be found on U.S. EPA's website at: <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/basicinformation/vinyl-chloride.cfm>.

The Illinois Department of Public Health also provides information on vinyl chloride at: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/factsheets/vinyl-chloride.htm>

Water Distribution and Hotline

The Village of Sauk Village will distribute water as follows:

Friday July 20, 2012 from Ed Paesel Community Center between the hours of 10am to 2pm

Saturday July 21, 2012 from the Ed Paesel Community Center between the hours of 10 am to 2pm

Sunday July 22, 2012 from the Ed Paesel Community Center between the hours of 10 am to 2pm

The schedule of distribution (*subject to change*) will be as follows:

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Friday 10am to 2 pm - Ed Paesel Community Center

Mondays and Wednesday 4pm to 8 pm- Ed Paesel Community Center

Saturday and Sunday 10 to 2 pm -Ed Paesel Community Center

Proof of Residency will be required. A maximum of 3 gals per household per day as requested.

Check the Sauk Village web site for updates at www.saukvillage.org. Notices will be posted at the Village Hall, Sauk Village Police and Fire Departments and the McConathy Public Library.

Henrietta Turner

Village of Sauk Village

Village Manager

21801 Torrence Ave

Sauk Village, IL 60411

Office: 708 758-3330

EMERGENCY WATER PROJECT HOTLINE

708/753-5140

A hotline has been established in order to provide residents with current information and direction.

The hours are:

Friday, July 20, 2012 12pm- 5 pm

Monday through Friday 8 am -5pm

These times are subject to change.

All updates on the Sauk Village water system will be provided by public notices posted at the Village Hall, Police Department, Fire Department and McConathy Public Library. Check out www.saukvillage.org for up to the minute updates.

Village Clerk Debbie Williams

Revised 7-20-12 1:30 pm

Note: The current proposal that was approved by the Village Board and is currently under review by the IEPA includes a temporary air stripping process that could be installed as early as August 28, 2012 and a permanent air stripping process that could be installed as early as December 15, 2012.

Sauk Talk is Produced by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village, Rosie Williams Trustee/Composer and Staff Members Nanette Wargo and Debbie Williams. With special appreciation to and technical support from Deputy Village Clerk Colleen Baughman. Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to sauktalk@saukvillage.org.

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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PAT QUINN, GOVERNOR

JOHN J. KIM, INTERIM DIRECTOR

July 19,2012

To: Honorable Lewis Towers, Sauk Village Mayor
Ms. Henrietta Turner, Sauk Village Manager

From: Interim Director John J. Kim, Illinois EPA

Regarding the July 16,2012 notice letter to Sauk Village about vinyl chloride levels in the finished water for the Sank Village community water supply system, and to clarify the current situation, the Illinois EP A offers the following statements:

Given that the existing level of vinyl chloride in Sauk Village's public wells does not exceed the maximum contaminant level, there are no restrictions on the use of water from those wells. Water could be used for drinking, bathing, cooking, or other normal uses.

Illinois EP A is requiring that Sauk Village make bottled or potable water available to residents who choose to use it for personal consumption.

Illinois EPA is not requiring the shut-down of Sauk Village's wells. The Illinois EPA is requiring treatment of the water that comes from the wells as soon as possible so vinyl chloride levels are reduced.

Illinois EPA contends that businesses that provide food or drink to the public may choose to use the water from the Sauk Village community water supply.

Illinois EPA will continue to take samples weekly from Sauk Village's water supply to monitor the safety of the situation.

4302 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 611 03 (815)987-7760

**9511 W. Harrison St., Des Plaines, IL
60016 (847)294-4000**

595 S. State, Elgin, IL 60123 (847)608-3131

**5407 N. University St., Arbor 113, Peoria, IL 61614 (309)693-
5462**

2125 S. First St., Champaign, IL 61820 (217)278-5800

**2309 W. Main St., Suite 116, Marion, IL 62959
(618)993-7200**

2009 Mall St., Collinsville, IL 62234 (618)346-5120

**100 W. Randolph, Suite 11-300, Chicago, U.
60601 (312)814-6026**

Senior News

Beware of extreme heat! It can be particularly hazardous to children, seniors, those with special needs, and pets causing heat-related illnesses. Besides being discomfort and fatigue, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke may occur. Drink plenty of non-alcoholic, and non-caffeinated fluids. Be sure to avoid carbonated and alcohol drinks. If necessary, Sauk Village have several cooling locations (municipal building 21801 Torrence Ave. M-F during business hours, Fire Station 1804 222nd Pl. 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. (708) 758-2225, and Police Station 21701 Torrence Avenue 24 hours (708) 758-1331).

The Sauk Village Senior Citizen Committee would like to thank all the many book donors to our very successful book exchange program - Nancy Baker, Bob Barnes, Barb Dorman, Adeline Johnson, Rose Langston, McConathy Library, Nadine Morgan, Delores Randall and Joann Rhein.

The three Senior Citizens organizations meeting in the Senior Center are continuing looking for members (seniors age 50 years plus). The Sunday SV Fun Club meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:00 p.m. will be resuming their FREE basic line dance instructions at 3:00 p.m. for members. Senior Citizens of SV "Sunshiners" on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and Leisure Timers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Annual dues varies from \$10.00, \$14.00 and \$15.00 respectively. Seniors are welcome to join in various Senior Committee activities/events held in the Senior Center. Every Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., the SV Blue Grass provides blue grass, country western and gospel music for your dancing and/or listening pleasure. Pickers with acoustic instrument are welcome to the jam sessions. A free will donation is accepted to cover the cost of beverages and supplies. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, the SV Veterans of Foreign Wars meets at 8:00 p.m. For motorcyclists the BMW Cross Roads No. 55 meets every 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. During the summer months the Ceramics Group will meet on the first, third and fifth Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. .

The SV Senior committee's agenda to date for 2012: 2nd Monday (except in October and November) 12:30 p.m. movies co-sponsor with McConathy Library at the library (seniors may bring a brown bag lunch): July 9th 'Yankee Doodle Danny', August 13th 'August Rush,' September 10th 'I Remember Mama.' October 1st 'Recount,' November 5th 'Rio Bravo,' December 10th 'Santa Claus 1,' Quarterly event; Saturday, October 13th '9th Senior Spaghetti Dinner;' FREE Blood Pressure Screening co-sponsor with P.L.A.N. held in the Senior Center office (use east entrance) on Wednesdays: July 11th and 25th, August 15th and 29th, and September 12th and 26th from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. Screening also held preceding the Monday movies at the McConathy Library. Other FREE events in the planning stages: basic computer program for awareness and to introduce seniors who need some assistance; and Zumba Gold classes (geared for seniors). A survey is provided for your input of additional activities/programs you (seniors) are interested in participating.

Advanced tickets for the Bloom Township annual senior picnic on Thursday, August 2nd will be available in July for \$3.00 or \$4.00 at the picnic grounds. Township seniors may call Senior Wheels (708) 754-8200 one week in advance to schedule a FREE ride to and from the picnic.

The Senior Committee meets every second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the Senior Center. For concerns and/or questions, you may call (708) 758-3330 and leave a brief message for a call back as time permits.



Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



Happy Summer!! Nothing says summer like working out in the yard and making things look nice. The Fire Station is no exception. Earlier in June, some old bushes were pulled out and replaced by a 10x10 timber flower bed. This was constructed by SVFD members. It was filled with dirt courtesy of the Sauk Village Public Works. Then the Sauk Village Beautification Committee stepped in and worked their flower magic creating an "SVFD" with French Marigolds. Thank you to all the Beautification Committee and volunteers that work so hard to keep our community looking... well... beautiful.

In other project news, ABF Freight donated a 28 foot trailer to the Fire Department last year. Construction on the training prop has begun inside the trailer. A two and a half level maze is being constructed with numerous obstacles including confined areas, an entanglement hazard and a simulated floor collapse. Props like this are designed to build the firefighter's confidence in negotiating extreme hazards while wearing full protective gear in a low visibility environment. Similar props are used during a firefighter's basic training, but many will never get an opportunity to train in one again. Props of this nature are essential to keeping firefighters skills sharp. This prop will also be made available for neighboring fire departments to use.

More good news- on May 17, two of our newest recruits graduated from the Prairie State College Fire Academy. Congratulations to Firefighters Aaron Anderson and Cameron Luther! Cameron, by the way, is the third generation of Luther to be a part of the Sauk Village Fire Department. Both of these young men have a bright future ahead of them and we wish them all the best.

Here's a little SVFD history for you regarding "legacies"- very appropriate since I'm actually writing this article around Father's Day! In honor of those fathers and the passing on of the firefighter blood line, here's a list of father/son/daughter members that I was able to find from oldest to most current:

1. Seldon Gordon Sr. & Seldon Jr.
2. Verlyn "Zeke" Luther & Dave, then Doug (brothers), and now Doug's son Cameron
3. George Spanier Sr. & George Jr.
4. Ed Myers, then Phil, and now Paul (brothers)

5. Don Clark & Wendy
6. Delmar Melton Sr. & Delmar Jr.
7. Rich Marino Sr. & Richie Jr.
8. Al Stoffregen & Tim
9. Russ Staley & Shaun
10. Dennis Synowiec & Donny

That's quite an impressive list! Honorable mention should also go to current SVFD firefighter William Lambert. His grandfather Bill Lambert was an SVFD Engineer in the late 60's/ early 70's and Will's great grandfather was Viron Denton who served SVFD as Fire Chief from 1960-63.

To all of our members, past and present- a most sincere thank you for your dedication and service over the years. Your legacies have made this department what it is today.

It's never too late to start your own legacy! The Sauk Village Fire Department is always looking for new blood. If you think you have what it takes to become a firefighter, stop by the station during the week or call 708-758-2225 for more information.



Community Development

Sherry Jasinski

This year we have an overwhelming amount of residents that are not maintaining their lawns. Please be advised the ordinance states grass/weeds can not be over 8" in height. That includes weeds growing in fences and around the general vicinity. We strictly enforce this & have issued several hundred tickets. When cutting your grass please do not cut it into the street, when it rains it washes down to the sewers and the sewers become clogged which causes flooding on the street.

-Parking on a non hard surface is against the Village ordinance. Please make sure you park on concrete or asphalt.

-Inoperable vehicles will be ticketed. All vehicles must have current State license plates and Village stickers. All inoperable vehicles that are on public or private property and in view of the general public will be declared a nuisance.

-Residents cannot sell candy or any other food items from their home. This is becoming a big problem & it is prohibited.

-All pools must have a fence around them whether it's a kiddie pool or a full size pool. This is for the safety of the children. Also, if a pool has a filter system it can not be plugged into an extension cord, it has to have its own GFI outlet. With extension cords you run the risk of getting an electrical shock. Pools need permits.

-Garbage can placement must be to the rear of the property. It's unsightly to have garbage stored in the front of your house overflowing with lids that can't be shut.

-Garbage cans must be removed from the parkway no later than 6:00p.m the day of your garbage pick-up or fines will be issued.

-Please be reminded there is no parking on the street on your garbage day between the hours of 7:00a.m to 3:30p.m.

-Please be reminded Building Permits are required for most work being done to the home. Please call the Building Department if you have any questions.

If you experience graffiti on your property there is a program

available through the Cook County Sheriff's Department. The phone number is (773) 291-2317. They will give you instructions on what needs to be done for removal.

All items above are ordinances that we are and will strictly enforce. Please comply with the Village ordinances and you will not be hearing from us.





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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911	SAUK VILLAGE HALL	758-3330
POLICE & FIRE NON-EMERGENCY	758-1331		
COMMUNITY CENTER	758-4115	SENIOR CENTER	753-5141
BLOOM TOWNSHIP	754-9400	COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	210-4500
RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	755-4357	McCONATHY LIBRARY	757-4771
COMMONWEALTH EDISON	1-800-334-7661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
SKYLINE DISPOSAL	754-5460		

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WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG