

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration Message

Dear Fellow Residents:

I am very honored to serve you, your families and our businesses as the new Mayor of Indian Head Park. I was sworn in with the new Village Board on May 14 and we have been busy ever since. We would like to thank the outgoing Mayor and Trustees for their hard work and past service. We look forward to the new Village Board making Indian Head Park an even better place to live, work, play and enjoy.

The past Village Administrator John Brooks resigned on May 13. The new Board worked hard to identify candidates who could step in and help Indian Head Park in an interim capacity. The Board interviewed three candidates and made a selection to get the best candidate in quickly to help us in this transition period.

We would like to introduce and welcome to our organization Interim Village Administrator, Art Osten Jr.!

Art will serve as Interim Village Administrator for a three month period to oversee operations, manage outstanding projects, assist with the hiring of a permanent Village Administrator, and ensure a smooth transition. He has more than 30

years of municipal experience including serving as Village Administrator in a number of area communities. Art is enjoying Indian Head Park's small town ambiance and working with our officials and staff. Please feel free to stop by and say hello or contact him about any community concerns.

In addition to assisting Art in the hiring of a new Administrator, the Village Board will be working on the 2015-2016 budget, infrastructure issues, and much more. We had an open Trustee position to fill and reviewed four candidates at the Board's June 11th meeting. Heidi Lopez was selected and we want to thank all the highly qualified applicants and hope to see them involved in many future community activities.

My office will be at the Public Works Building and Art will take the former Mayor's Office at Village Hall. Please let me know about any questions or concerns that you may have.

Tom Hinshaw
Mobile: 708-497-9745,
Email: thinshaw@indianheadpark-il.gov

Heritage Center

Summer hours for the Heritage Center Library are now in effect. In addition to our weekend hours of 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday and 12 pm to 3 pm on Sunday, we are open from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Wednesday evenings through August.



Summers weekends are busy, so if you have plans then, stop by the library to borrow books for your summer reading on Wednesday evening.

Keep the library in mind when scheduling your meetings! It is a great place for book clubs, bridge groups, birthday parties, showers, etc. Parents and grandparents of young children are welcomed to use the library for creating a story time group.

We are always looking for interested residents to volunteer as a docent. We currently have an opening for Wednesday evenings and weekends.

If interested in holding an event or volunteering as a docent, please contact: Jean Southerland at 708-768-4500 or jeansoutherland@gmail.com



Attention Communicators!

The Village would like to explore ways to increase its ability to communicate with residents and businesses -- getting information out, receiving ideas, and dialoging about issues. If you have a background in communications, journalism, or marketing and would like to participate, please contact us. Thank you!

Residential Sewer Information

If you notice a strong sewer smell in your home, this could indicate a dry trap in a sink or basement floor drain. Running water into each drain will fill the trap and eliminate the odor. If you notice any unusual gurgling noise or a drain is running slowly, you may be experiencing the beginning of a blockage.

If clear water is entering through the walls or cracks in the floor, this is an indication of a water-proofing issue, a blocked footer or a blockage in the storm lateral. If you have trees in your front yard be aware that the root system extends out as far as the widest part of the canopy of the tree. Roots tend to seek out "the path of least resistance" to supply the tree with water. This occurs often with the sanitary and storm laterals. Slow sanitary laterals can also experience back up from detergents used for laundry. The detergents build up in the line, reducing the size of the pipe.

Items to protect your property:

- Have a trusted plumber's name and number.
- Make sure your power strips are up off the floor and secured. Power strips can continue to function even under water.
- Storage items should be placed on shelves in plastic containers. Cardboard boxes absorb water and odors.
- Make sure your gutters are cleaned once a year.
- Grade planting beds away from the house foundations. Water should flow at least 3 feet away from the foundation.
- Periodically check and clear debris from any yard or driveway drains on your property. This will ensure that they flow properly.
- If you have a catch basin in the street near our home, take a moment to clear debris from the top. If the basin needs attention, call Public Works.
- If you have a garbage disposal make sure to run water for 3-5 minutes after disposing of food. This will ensure that waste does not build up in your sanitary lateral. Use ice cubes to sharpen the blades on your disposal.
- Never dispose of fats, oils and grease (FOG's) down the drain. They tend to thicken and block the sanitary main lines and are the primary cause of backups.

Feel free to call Village Hall with any questions. Thank you.

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Dear Indian Head Park Water Customer:

The Consumer Confidence report (CCR) rule requires all community water systems to provide reports to their customers on the quality of their drinking water. The Village of Indian Head Park in conjunction with the City of Countryside and the Chicago Water Department is providing the required information pertaining to source water monitoring for the period January 2014 through December 2014.

The Village of Indian Head Park has provided water meeting all the requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) drinking water standards. The following reports are being provided to help you better understand the quality of the water you consume and use on a daily basis. Consumers with medical conditions may use the detailed analysis provided by the City of Chicago to consult with their family doctors. Others may learn ways to better protect their children from the effects of lead in our environment, or how to conserve water in our daily lives. A well informed consumer is the best ally the Village has in providing clean, safe water to its customers.

Included in this report:

Village of Indian Head Park CCR

- ◆ 2014 Water Source & Quality Report
- ◆ 2014 Testing Summary Table
- ◆ 2014 Violation Data
- ◆ 2014 City of Chicago CCR
- ◆ 2014 Water Quality Data
- ◆ 2014 Source Water Assessment

If there are any questions, or if additional information is needed, please contact Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent at the Village of Indian Head Park Water Department at (708) 246-3154.

Sincerely,
Edward R. Santen, Jr.
Water/Public Works Superintendent

Special Note: The following information applies only to residents who are directly served by Indian Head Park water supply, not those served by the LaGrange Highlands Sanitary District.

**Village of Indian Head Park
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT
Public Water Supply
For The Monitoring Year 2014**

Water Supply:

The Village of Indian Head Park purchased approximately 90 million gallons of Chicago water from the City of Countryside through a 12" supply main connected directly to the City of Countryside's distribution grid. This connection provides all the water required by the Village's local and retail customers. This water is received into a reservoir system and pumped to the Village's local and retail customer base. The water is sampled and chlorinated as required to maintain the quality as delivered by the City of Countryside. Chicago pumps water out of Lake Michigan, which is a surface water supply.

Water Quality: The City of Chicago's Jardine Water Filtration Plant controls the water quality supplied to the Village of Indian Head Park. The Village of Indian Head Park provides additional chlorine as necessary to maintain the water quality as delivered to them. The CCR water quality data generated by the City of Chicago is included in this report for review by the water consumers.

Village Testing:

The Village of Indian Head Park tests the water supply for chlorine content on a daily basis to maintain the optimum levels for the consumers' needs. On a bi-monthly basis, bacteriological samples are taken. On a yearly basis, samples are submitted for Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) Analysis and Haloacetic Acids (HAA) Analysis. Samples are also provided for lead and copper monitoring on a schedule established by the IEPA. All testing and reports are performed according to the requirements of IEPA. A copy of the IEPA Water Quality Report for Indian Head Park is included later in this report.

Violations:

The testing of the Village of Indian Head Park water supply produced no violations for their facilities during the calendar year 2014.

Educational Information:

- (1) 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 EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).
- (2) 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/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).
- (3) Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).
- (4) The Village of Indian Head Park follows the water conservation recommendations of the IEPA on sprinkling restrictions which state that no sprinkling may be done between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. during the period of May 15 to September 15.

The following lawn care recommendations are supplied by the University of Minnesota:

- Water deeply and infrequently. One inch of water per week is ideal.
- Over watering wastes your money and also removes plant nutrients from the soil.
- Excess watering can cause disease problems in your lawn.

Sources of Contamination:

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 from human activity.

Contaminants that can 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 can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater run-off, 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 stormwater run-off and residential uses.
- **Organic Chemical Contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can come from gas stations, urban stormwater run-off and septic systems.
- **Radioactive Contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Source Water Assessment: We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regular scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by the Village Hall or call the Water Department at (708) 246-3154. To view a summary of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>. 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 intake with no protection only dilution. This is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois. Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance that shoreline impacts are not usually considered a factor on water quality. At certain times of the year, however, the potential for contamination exists due to wet weather flows and river reversals. In addition, the placement of the crib structures may serve to attract waterfowl, gulls, and terns that frequent the Great Lakes area, thereby concentrating fecal deposits at the intake and thus compromising the source water quality. Conversely, the shore intakes are highly susceptible to storm water run-off, marinas and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to the lake.

Additional Information:

For more information, contact Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent, of the Village of Indian Head Park at (708) 246-3154. The Village Board also meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Municipal Facility. These meetings are open to the public.

About the Data:

TURBIDITY

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

LEAD

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing system. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

SODIUM 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 the level is greater than 20 mg/l and you are on a sodium restricted diet, you should consult a physician.

2014 Water Quality Data **VILLAGE OF INDIAN HEAD PARK**

Definitions: MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety. MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level, or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology. AL: Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. TT: Treatment Technique or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Abbreviations: nd - not detectable at testing limits. n/a - not applicable. ppm - parts per million or milligrams per liter. ppb - parts per billion or micrograms per liter. ppt - parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter. ppq - parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter. NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water. % < 0.3 NTU Percent samples less than 0.3 NTU MFL - Million fibers per liter, used to measure asbestos concentration. mrem/yr - millirems per year, used to measure radiation absorbed by the body. pCi/l - picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity. # pos/mo - number of positive samples per month. % pos/mo - percent positive samples per month.

In Most cases, the "Level Found" column represents an average of sample result data collected during the CCR calendar year. The "Range of Detection's" column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year. If a date appears in the "Date of Sample" column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once per year because the concentrations do not frequently change. If no date appears in the column, monitoring for this contaminant was conducted during the CCR calendar year.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminants
Microbial Contaminants							
TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA (# pos/mo)	0	>1	0	nd-nd			Naturally present in the environment.
FECAL COLIFORM AND E-COLI (# pos/mo)	0	0	nd	nd-nd			Human and animal fecal waste.
Inorganic Contaminants							
COPPER (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	0	0 exceeding AL			Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	0	AL=15	5	0 exceeding AL			Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
DISINFECTION/DISINFECTANT BY-PRODUCTS							
HAA5 (TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS) (ppb)	n/a	60	13.2	13.2-13.2			By-product of drinking water chlorination.
TTHM'S (TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES) (ppb)	n/a	80	45.2	45.2 – 45.2			By-product of drinking water chlorination.
CHLORINE (as CL2) (ppm)	4	4	0.9	0.8-1.0			Drinking water disinfectant.

Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Date of Sample	Typical Source of Contaminants
UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS							
BROMODICHLOMETHANE (ppb)	n/a	n/a	11.3	n/a			By-product of drinking water chlorination.
CHLORFORM (ppb)	n/a	n/a	27.9	n/a			Used as a solvent for fats, oils, rubber, resins, a cleansing agent; found in fire extinguishers.
DIBROMOCHLOROMETHANE (ppb)	n/a	n/a	6.0	n/a			Used as a chemical reagent; an intermediate in organic synthesis.

2014 Water Quality Data

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Microbial Contaminants							
FECAL COLIFORM AND E-COLI(# pos/mo)	0	0	0	n/a			Human and animal fecal waste.
TURBIDITY (%< 0.3 NTU)	n/a	TT	100%	100%- 100%			Soil run-off.
TURBIDITY (NTU)	n/a	TT= 1NTUmax	0.11	n/a			Soil run-off.
Inorganic Contaminants							
BARIUM (ppm)	2	2	0.0227	0.0223 -0.0227			Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from Metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
COPPER (ppm)	1.3	AL=1.3	0.046	0 exceeding AL (90 th percentile)		8-23-12	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4	0.98	0.94-0.98			Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
LEAD (ppb)	0	AL=15	6.6	1 exceeding AL (90 th percentile)		8-23-12	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
NITRATE (AS NITROGEN)(ppm)	10	10	0.31	0.30-0.31			Run-off from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits.
State Regulated Contaminants							
SODIUM (ppm)	n/a	n/a	10.0	9.53-10.0			Erosion of naturally occurring deposits. Used as water softener.

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If you'd like to help beautify our Village, why not adopt a location to plant and weed flowers and native vegetation? Contact Anne Bermier for available locations at 708/246-5770. Thank you!



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Hands Free Driving

Recent laws banned the use of all hand-held electronic devices when driving. Only hands-free technology, such as Bluetooth, speakerphones, and headsets are permitted.

Also, all cell phone use is completely prohibited while driving in a school zone or a construction zone. According to a 2012 National Highway Traffic Safety Report, there were more than 3,300 people killed in the United States due to distracted driving.

Let's keep our roads safe for the pedestrians and bicyclists that the warm weather will bring out!

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, July 3, 2015 at 5:30 PM

Where: Walker Park

Cost: Free

Pleasant Dale Park District will once again host a fantastic family event to celebrate Independence Day 2015 and the FIREWORKS will be held on July 3 at dusk. Starting at 5:30 PM food vendors will be selling snacks and non-alcoholic refreshments. Boy Scout Troop 69 will once again organize the parking on our soccer fields (weather permitting) and we will charge a \$5 fee for parking on the fields. Thank you Troop 69! Also available – Reserved Parking – stop by Walker Park in the two weeks before the fireworks, and for only \$20 we will save you a spot in our north or south lots. Bring your family and your blanket to Walker Park at dusk to settle in for an annual tradition-our spectacular fireworks display!

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