

Hainesville Village News



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LET'S BE CLEAR ABOUT OUR WATER!

The Village of Hainesville public water system is monitored daily and operated within the rules and regulations of the State of Illinois and the USEPA. Regarding the Flint, Michigan Lead issue, the Village public water supply does not have an issue with this compound. Leaching Lead comes from old Lead water service pipes or joint solder from copper pipe connections. The Village of Hainesville adds a poly phosphate blend that assists with coating the piping to prevent leaching into the water system. This additive is a requirement of the Illinois EPA. The Village system has had no Lead detections for over twenty years. The Village does not have any Lead water service pipes!

To see a copy of the Hainesville Water Consumer Confidence Annual Report please visit our website at www.hainesville.org and scroll down on the far right side of the home page and click to view. These reports are published yearly in the month of June.

The Village of Hainesville public water system was built and put into service between 1992 and 1993. Up until this time the Village did not have a municipal water system. Homesteads relied on their own private wells. This means our system was built well after the use of Lead service pipes were allowed. In comparison to many municipalities our total water service infrastructure is considered relatively new.

That being said, over a year ago the Village started doing a more detailed analysis of our water and sewer system repair and replacement timeline going into the future and the funds that would need to be available for this purpose. This was then compared to our present water and sewer rates which are meant to be calculated to cover the cost of operating the system and providing water. This rate should also include a portion that is put aside for dedicated funding of infrastructure replacement and repair to the system.

The base water charge of \$26.60 has not changed since the start of the utility system back in the early 90's! Two years ago the Village did lower the monthly amount of water of 10,000 gallons to 8,000 gallons for the base usage at \$26.60. The average residential usage is 6,000-7,000 gallons per month so this had minimal impact to most residents. Usage naturally is higher during summer months particularly if you have a lot of landscaping, vegetable garden and/or swimming pool. The Village does issue summer sewer credits to help offset this type of usage. Water usage in excess of the base 8,000 gallons is charged at a rate of \$3.50 per each additional 1,000 gallons. Our current water rates are one of the lowest in the area!

The conclusion of the analysis shows that the Village should have already raised its rates in past years and needs to take action now in order to secure funding for the future. This will ensure that funding is available when needed. In order to catch up, so to speak, without being overly burdensome to consumers the Village Board voted on leaning towards the minimum recommendation and then require an annual review so any future increase would be pennies and not dollars. Effective May 2016 the monthly base rate for 8,000 gallons will be raised from \$26.60 to \$36.60 for a total increase of \$10 monthly. The rate for each additional 1,000 gallons will remain the same at \$3.50. The summer sewer policy still remains in effect. You will see this increase reflected starting on your June utility bill for May

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usage. This new water rate by comparison will still be in the lower to mid-range by comparison. If you have any questions please contact the Village Hall at 847-223-2032.

Utility Account Payment Methods

The Village of Hainesville issues your utility bill once a month. This includes water, sewer, trash collection & recycling. Listed below are several ways to pay your account:

- ✚ Direct debit – click on the Village website and download the automatic debit authorization agreement form. Drop off the completed authorization at the Village Hall (or in the Village drive-thru drop box) with your voided check. The payment is withdrawn from your selected account on the date the bills are due. There is no charge for this service. This is the preferred method because it saves the Village money!
- ✚ Online Payments – click on the Village website Online Payments link. There is no fee for this service. You do not need your account #, but you will need your PIN # which can be found on your bill!
- ✚ Drop your payment in the camera-monitored gray drive-thru drop box located on the north side of the Village Hall.
- ✚ At Village Hall during business hours we take cash, credit card, personal check or money order. The Village cannot accept bills over \$50.00 please.

Wetland Stormwater Control and Woodland Invasive Species Removal Continues!

The majority of our Village wetland areas also serve as our storm water detention to ensure storm water is accommodated and flows properly. This prevents flooding and many other problems. The Village wetland areas are overgrown and will continue to be cleared this year to ensure adequate stormwater flow. This will also aid in our mosquito abatement program.

General Primary Election, March 15th 2016, 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Last day to register to vote February 16th, 2016

Grace Period Registration (only at Lake County Clerk's Office) and you may vote at same time.

First Day, February 11th, 2016, Last Day, March 15th, 2016

Early Voting Sites

First Day February 29th, 2016, Last Day, March 12th, 2016

All Early Voting Sites in Lake County will now serve all voters in Lake County. Closest Early Voting Site for Hainesville is:

Round Lake Village Hall, 442 N. Cedar Lake Road, Round Lake Ph# 847-546-5400.

February 29th thru March 12th, Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

On Election Day, March 15th all Hainesville registered voters can vote at Hainesville Village Hall, 100 N. Hainesville Road Hainesville, IL 60030 Ph# 847-223-2032 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To Vote by mail go to VotingByMail@lakecountyil.gov confirm your voter registration status and then request a ballot by mail – last day is March 10th. Visit www.hainesville.org under Elections for more detailed information.



Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 1st and Sunday, September 11th 2016!

Civil War Re-enactment returns bigger and better and will be located on the western portion of the Northbrook Sports Club property. Watch for more details!

Yard Waste Stickers will be available starting April 1st at \$2.60 each!

Holiday lights and decorations should have been taken down by February 1st



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