WATER PLANT INTAKE PIPE CLEANING COMMENCES AUGUST 21

(Glenco, Illinois)—During the week of July 31, a biennial inspection of the Village of Glenco’s 24-inch water intake pipe which extends 3,300 feet into Lake Michigan revealed an excessive build-up of sand and sediment. While this does not compromise the quality of water in the Village’s water supply, as any sand and sediment is removed during the water treatment process, it is necessary to perform a comprehensive cleaning of the intake pipe to remove the sand and sediment material to ensure adequate water flow into the Glenco Water Plant. The Village has contracted with Northern Divers USA, Inc. of Spring Grove, Illinois to begin this process starting Monday, August 21 and continuing through Thursday, August 24.

The cleaning will require the use of seven diesel engine pumps operating continuously over a period of several days to flush out the sand and sediment. These pumps will be located on Glenco Beach just south of the Glenco Water Plant, operating from the morning of Monday, August 21 until the cleaning is finished sometime on Thursday, August 24.

For the safety of residents and Glenco Beach patrons, the water will be closed Monday, August 21 through Thursday, August 24 due to the dangerous undercurrent that the pumps will create in the work zone near the beach. No swimming, sailing or kayaking near Glenco Beach will be permitted. Additionally, pedestrian access to the beach from Wednesday, August 16 through Friday, August 18 will be limited to Park Avenue only, as Hazel Avenue will be used for staging and deliveries.

More information, including a set of FAQs is being made available to residents on the Village’s website at www.villageofglenco.org/intakecleaning. Press inquiries may be made to David Mau, Public Works Director, at dmau@villageofglenco.org / (847) 461-1116 or Alex Urbanczyk, Water Plant Supervisor, at aurbanczyk@villageofglenco.org / (847) 461-1651.

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