

## INFLOW REDUCTION PROGRAM UPDATE

The Department of Public Works has completed the initial inspections on 100% of the properties in the Village for compliant connections to the sanitary sewer system. We would like to thank each and every one of our residents for their support of this vital program. Most of you were visited by Phil D'Alessandro who was employed part time by the village to do the initial inspections only. Greg Emerson (Village Administrator) and Brian Anderson (Chief Operator, WWTP) will be doing all of the follow up permitting and inspections.

As you may know, the village's Sanitary Sewer System (SSS) and the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) exceed its design capacity during rain or thawing events. This puts us in violation of our DEC permitting and increases our operational costs substantially. Most of this excess water is coming from floor drains and sump pumps that are connected to the SSS.

The first letter about this problem was sent to village residents on September 28, 1970 by then Mayor Squire Kingston. We are now being pressured by the DEC and EPA to correct these conditions to comply with our State Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (SPDES) permit or risk being put under a direct order.

625 residential properties were inspected for compliance and only one resident would not let us inspect. 287 or 45% of the properties did not comply and some properties actually had 2 sump pumps that ran steadily! All residents whose properties are noncompliant have been given 90 days to correct the connection with a 90 day extension available if needed. To date we have had 55 properties correct the connection. We have given extensions to over 65 properties and will continue to work with all residents to achieve our compliance goal.

In addition to this program the village is aggressively repairing the Sanitary Sewer System and rehabilitating manholes. We have installed new storm sewers in some areas and continue to plan and budget for improvements in other areas.

By bringing your property into compliance with the village's "Sewer Use Ordinance" you will be doing your part for the environment as well as contributing to decreased operational costs at the WWTP. In fact, in anticipation of this programs effectiveness, there will not be any increase of sewer use rates in the 2009 – 10 budget.

Greg Emerson and Brian Anderson are available to give direction to any and all residents regarding sewer connection concerns. Please do not hesitate to call them at anytime. The DPW office number is 624-3620.

Regards,  
Rick Milne – Mayor  
Village Board of Trustees