

## Lake Claire and Shires City Water Service Area

*On December 27<sup>th</sup>, a meeting took place* in an effort to get Lake Michigan Water to our homes. The window of opportunity at hand is a recent development and **45 of your fellow neighbors have organized** this effort to take to the **next city council meeting January 9, 2005**. We hope you will join us in this effort. Below is some of the information, as we shared and discussed last night.

1. The city approved an expanded water main connection to service the 7 new homes on Camp McDonald.
2. 26 homes and Leon and Greco have petitioned and completed a feasibility study to also access that connection.
3. It is not necessary that the entire city approves water and we can approve our own special service area agreement.
4. Several neighbors, along with **Jean Williams** (*30 years, expert realtor professional and PH resident*), **Don 'Rick' Gould** (*PH Fire Chief*), **Adam Boche** (*PH city engineer and Public works director*) discussed the anticipated cost, benefits and safety issues.
5. **COST: 15000\*** to very high end estimate (based on a small 33 homes see 1 and 2 above) 22000 per home. Substantially less for a bigger project area.

\*This effort will begin the process of negotiating the scope, terms and conditions of the project for our area only. Our homes need about 12000 feet of water pipe, the cost is about \$100-120 per foot and there are about 120-130 homes.

### **How does this benefit you and our neighborhood?**

**\$\$ Home resale:** *Jean Williams 30 year PH resident and real estate expert* explained that **your home** would have **more appeal** when you are ready to sell. Substantially more showings, higher sales prices and more interest by other realtors that are not interested in showing their buyers "...homes that have that funny smelling water."

**FIRE SAFETY:** *Don Gould, PH FIRE CHIEF*, explained how difficult it is to service Prospect Heights today with **(1) 5000 gallon Water tanker is not enough** to put out many fires. It's difficult to get that tanker to each fire if weather conditions are poor and if more than one is needed (especially larger homes like ours and response time over 3-4 minutes after the fire started). The closest additional tankers must be requested from Palatine or Long Grove.

### **WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?**

**Sign the petition, join the effort and attend the January 9 city council meeting.**

**Challenge anyone that tries scaring and misinforming you that the cost of Lake Michigan water to your home is substantially more than what we now understand.**