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NEWS RELEASE

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LAKE FOREST WATER REMAINS SAFE

The City of Lake Forest is paying close attention to the fresh water crisis in Flint, Michigan, and the thoughts of City employees as well as those of residents, are with those who are struggling without access to safe water in their homes. The City assures residents that water quality supplied by the Water Plant in Lake Forest continues to be safe and reliable.

The City is a member of the American Water Works Association, which reported that “When Flint switched its water supply source, the required steps were not taken to manage water chemistry. The new water caused lead to leach from service lines and home plumbing, which ended up in water coming out of household taps.” According to John Gulledge, Supervisor of Water and Sewer Utilities, the City of Lake Forest does not foresee ever changing its water source because Lake Michigan is a plentiful, consistent and reliable source.

Residents should be aware that lead does not come from water treatment plants and water mains, but comes from lead service lines running between the water main in the street and the house and from plumbing inside the home. Lake Forest does not have lead water mains, although there are lead service lines within the system.

Lead service lines are typically only present in older homes, but older brass faucets with lead content can be in newer homes. A certified plumber can confirm a lead service line, check for lead solders in your home’s internal pipes and look for fixtures containing lead.

The City of Lake Forest has been following the same lead and copper sampling and corrosion control management program since 1993. Every three years, per the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, tests are conducted and City water has met or exceeded IEPA goals.

Residents are welcome to contact Mr. Gulledge with any questions or concerns at 847.810.4650.

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