

ADDITIONAL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ANNEXATION

(from Neighborhood Meetings held on May 31, June 1 and June 2, 2011)

What is meant by “well failure”?

Residents with private wells are permitted to repair/replace mechanical parts to keep the well functional. A well is declared failed at such time when it is no longer able to properly function without drilling deeper to extend the well, or if it becomes necessary for the property owner to drill a new well to obtain water. A failed pump does not constitute a well failure. A failed pump may be replaced and is considered maintenance of an existing well.

Section 25.52 of the Downers Grove Municipal Code prohibits any person to dig, drill, redrill or extend, or cause to be dug, drilled, redrilled, or extended, any well, hole or other excavation in the ground for the purpose of extracting water therefrom, at any location within the corporate limits of the Village.

If I am connected to Village water, can I keep my well?

Upon connection to the Village water system, a private well may no longer be used for human or domestic consumption, including, but not limited to water used for drinking, bathing, swimming, washing dishes or preparing food.

However, the well may be used for the purposes of lawn irrigation, only. Since the Village enacts water conservation measures between May 15 and September 15 which limit outdoor use of water, it is recommended that well owners display a “Private Well” placard at their residence, available from the Village.

Will annexation have any impact on how EAV is assessed?

The Township Assessors are responsible for assessing the value of properties in DuPage County. Annexing to the Village does not change the process.

Village staff reviewed the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of several similar properties on Cross and Drendel in the proposed Northwest annexation area and compared the EAV of incorporated parcels to unincorporated. Staff found that EAV values were the same at \$3.00 per square foot.

Can residents with County addresses keep their current address?

No. The Village will assign a new four-digit address that is consistent with others on the block. The Village will notify the Post Office of the new address.

Was work recently completed on Cross St. done by the Village of Downers Grove or the Downers Grove Sanitary District?

The work performed on Cross St. was completed by the Downers Grove Sanitary District. Sanitary mains were installed due to a special assessment that residents requested and funded. The sanitary mains were installed on the north part of Cross St., from Ogden Ave. to Drendel Rd. and on Drendel Rd. from Ogden Ave. to Indianapolis.

Since properties are being annexed in the middle of the year, will property taxes be prorated?

The Village Council will consider the adoption of an ordinance to annex the subject properties at their meeting on **Tuesday, August 16, 2011**. Village staff is recommending the ordinance become effective January 1, 2012. Therefore, there will be no need to consider prorating property tax bills.

If my library card expires before the annexation becomes effective (January 1, 2012) will I have to pay for another non-resident library card?

Yes. Upon annexation, non-resident card holders may receive a pro-rated reimbursement from the library, based upon the effective date of the annexation and the time remaining on the non-resident library card. Residents are responsible for contacting the library to advise of their newly annexed status and request reimbursement.

What are the watermain tap fees?

Tap Fees

- 1" Line Size- \$230 (*Most common residential size*)
- 1 ½" Line Size- \$370
- 2" Line Size - \$425
- Over 2" Line Size - \$590z

Meter Charges

- 5/8 or ¾ Meter- \$260 (*Most common residential size*)
- 1" Meter - \$370
- 1 ½" Meter - \$1,500
- 2" Meter – \$1,780

Capacity Fee

- 1" Line Size - \$2,100 (*Most common residential size*)
- 1 ¼" Line Size - \$2,300
- 1 ½" Line Size - \$5,200
- 2" Line Size - \$10,300

Of the areas being annexed, which streets do not have water mains installed?

The only streets that do not have Village water mains presently are:

- Francisco Ave .from Burlington Ave., north to the dead-end
- Drendel Rd. from Burlington Ave., north to the dead-end
- Granville Ave from Burlington Ave., north to the dead-end