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Oak Park Disperses Joint Public Advisory with EGLE Regarding Private Lead Water Service Issues

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OAK PARK, MI – This morning, the City of Oak Park released a joint public advisory with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) regarding recent and ongoing private lead water service issues. The advisory was distributed to residents through social media and email, and it has been published to the City’s website. As a follow-up to the preliminary [public announcement](#) that was made on this matter a week ago on Monday, October 14th, this advisory contains more detailed information about the scope of the issue in our community, ways that the City plans to mitigate these issues, as well as ways that residents can reduce their potential exposure to lead.

Important to note in the advisory is that this summer, the City of Oak Park conducted lead and copper sampling at 30 homes that we believed may have had a private lead water service line. A small number of the homes tested came back as having lead levels higher than the Action Level of 15 parts per billion as outlined by EGLE.

As an immediate measure, the City is working with those affected water customers to replace their private lead water service lines later this year. As part of a larger project, the City will be testing more homes in the coming months and keeping an ongoing list of the lead services found throughout the community. The City is fully committed to replacing these private lead water service lines. **Also important to note is that the City of Oak Park has no known public lead service lines within its water system.**

Further, the City will be hosting an open house event on Thursday, October 24th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. The event will take place at Oak Park City Hall, located at 14000 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park, MI 48237. Representatives from the City of Oak Park, EGLE, and the Oakland County Health Division will be present. At this event, Oak Park staff are planning to schedule at-home inspections of water services with residents. The Oakland County Health Division will be distributing free lead filters to those who qualify.

Additional information regarding private lead water services and lead safety can be found on the City of Oak Park’s website at www.bit.ly/OakParkLeadInformation.

The full public advisory can be found at this link:
www.bit.ly/OakParkLeadAdvisoryPDF

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About:

Situated within the southeast corner of Oakland County, the City of Oak Park has a long history of being an integral, inner-ring suburb of Detroit. With approximately 30,000 residents in 5.16 square miles, we pride ourselves on the richness of our cultural diversity and our safe, secure neighborhoods.

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