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December 17, 2009

Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to introduce a packet of information from the Department of Water Management. Our neighborhood infrastructure is about to improve, and we want you to know about the project in advance. I also want you to know that my office will be paying close attention to the work and to its impact upon your lives.

Specifically, the project entails installing a new sewer in West 94<sup>th</sup> Street from South May Street to South Elizabeth Street; following in West 90<sup>th</sup> Street, from South May Street to South Morgan Street; and in South Morgan Street, from West 90<sup>th</sup> Street to West 91<sup>st</sup> Street. My office will be working with the department to ensure that your convenience is kept in mind as the project proceeds.

I have asked Commissioner John Spatz to be sure you are well informed about this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Chief of Staff, Curtis V. Thompson, Jr., at (773) 881-9300.

Sincerely,

Howard B. Brookins, Jr.  
Alderman - 21<sup>st</sup> Ward

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## WATER MANAGEMENT CUSTOMER NOTICE

At Alderman Brookins' suggestion, I'm writing to introduce a full packet of information on the sewer construction project coming to W. 94th Street, S. Morgan Street, and W. 90<sup>th</sup> Street. We want to make certain you are fully informed and know how to get any questions answered or concerns addressed.

I have asked our project managers to assemble this packet of information for your use. I have also instructed all concerned that we must conduct ourselves as good neighbors—however temporary—during the term of this project. This means respecting and enhancing your “quality of life” whenever possible. While heavy construction always involves some noise and dust, we will do everything possible to maintain a clean and safe work site.

Please feel free to call Assistant Commissioner Tom LaPorte (312-742-1029) at any time with concerns or questions. He will either be able to address your concern, or bring it directly to me.

Thank you, in advance, for your patience and good will.

Sincerely

John F. Spatz, Jr.  
Commissioner



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**Do you wonder what was happening in 1899? That's the year the old sewer main was installed beneath your street. Among other things:**



**ALFRED HITCHCOCK**

- **The pain reliever acetylsalicylic acid was named “aspirin” and sold by Bayer around the world.**
- **The first auto repair shop opened in Boston.**
- **The Gideon Society was established to place Bibles in hotels.**
- **Carnation processed its first can of evaporated milk.**
- **Voting machines were approved by the U.S. Congress for use in federal elections.**
- **The Bronx Zoo opened in New York.**
- **Filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock was born.**



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## W. 94TH STREET/S. MORGAN STREET/W. 90<sup>TH</sup> STREET SEWER PROJECT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**Project:** The Chicago Department of Water Management will install a new sewer in W. 94<sup>th</sup> Street, from S. May Street to S. Elizabeth Street; in W. 90<sup>th</sup> Street, from S. May Street to S. Morgan Street; and in S. Morgan Street, from W. 90<sup>th</sup> Street to W. 91<sup>st</sup> Street

**Reason:** The old sewer pipe dates back to 1899 and needs to be replaced. The area bounded by 89<sup>th</sup> Street the north, Morgan Street on the east, 91<sup>st</sup> Street on the south, and May Street on the west will benefit from improved drainage and reduced risk of flooding.

**Timing:** We will start our work shortly, if we haven't already, with completion of the project scheduled for April 2010 (restoration of the street and damaged sidewalks/parkways will follow). Dates may change depending on weather and other factors. If there is any appreciable change, we will notify you.

**Traffic:** Since our excavation and the equipment involved all take up space, we may have closures to "through traffic". Safety, of course, is the foremost consideration, but you will always have access to your property.

**Parking:** We will post our work area for "No Parking" as needed, during work hours. We are agreeable to parking outside of those hours, but will have to insist that cars be moved by the start of the next workday. We will try to preserve as much parking as we can.

### CONTACT NUMBERS

#### 24-HOUR SERVICE AND INFORMATION LINE

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ALDERMAN HOWARD BROOKINS, JR.

773-881-9300

ASSISTANT WATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSIONER TOM LAPORTE

312-742-1029



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## W. 94TH STREET/S. MORGAN STREET/W. 90<sup>TH</sup> STREET FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Will our sewer or water service be interrupted?** Neither should be. But we can't be absolutely certain. Whenever you are doing heavy construction, there are bound to be surprises. Sometimes we find a water service from a house well away from where our records indicate it is. Sometimes, old pipes are brittle and prone to breaking when there is the vibration of digging.

**Will I get notice if there is a shutdown?** We will try to give you notice prior to a shutdown. But it all depends on the circumstances. If necessary, we will perform the emergency shutdown immediately and then tell you about it. Safety and avoiding property damage are prime considerations.

**What about restoration of curb and parkway damage?** When we finish the job, we will pave the street and address curb and parkway issues. We promise to leave your parkway and curb at least as good as we found them.

**What about improvements I've made in the parkway?** If there are ornamental plants, brickwork, sprinkling systems, etc., in your parkway, we certainly try to avoid them. The City of Chicago, however, cannot assume responsibility for privately made improvements. We will work with you to avoid any problems along these lines.

**Why should I be nice about this?** We are renewing your neighborhood and helping reduce the risk of local flooding during heavy rain. We intend to be good neighbors, although we are aware that our work is inherently disruptive. We will work with neighbors, Alderman Brookins, and others, to ensure that this disruption is minimal and that the experience is as agreeable as possible.