



July 8, 2016

A Public Notice to Targeted Residents, Businesses and Organizations in the Village of Lemont:

The Village of Lemont has recently been notified of a lawsuit filed by the Cook County State's Attorney challenging the Village's annexation of 17 parcels of property.

Some of these parcels were annexed 20 years ago and the last being six years ago.

Properties named in the lawsuit are described as the Equestrian Meadows residential subdivision at the northwest corner of McCarthy Avenue and Bell Road, the commercially zoned property at the southwest corner of McCarthy Avenue and Bell Road, the Chicago First Church of the Nazarene, Westshore Pipeline, Northern Border Pipeline Company, Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, the High School Recreational Complex, the Fire District Property, Glens of Connemara and Kettering Estates. The lawsuit and map are posted on the Village's website: www.lemont.il.us.

According to the lawsuit, the Cook County State's Attorney alleges 17 parcels were not allowed to be annexed as the properties were not contiguous to the Village of Lemont.

The annexations were purportedly valid at the time they were passed; therefore, the Village and the property owners acted in good faith when attempting to create a better class of service for these otherwise subserviced properties. At the time of each annexation, all 17 parcels voluntarily requested to become a part of the Village of Lemont and the Village could effectively serve the parcels.

If this lawsuit were to prevail, the properties mentioned would return to unincorporated Cook County and be void of the public services and protection the Village of Lemont currently provides.

At this time, the Village is analyzing its options in defending this lawsuit. The Village is notifying the owners, residents and tenants of these properties that are directly affected.

If you would like to further discuss this lawsuit or have questions, please feel free to contact me (630) 257-1590 or email gschafer@lemont.il.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'George J. Schafer'.

George J. Schafer
Village Administrator