

THE BEECHER BULLETIN

"Your Village Newsletter"

Spring 2019

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FARMER'S MARKET COMES TO BEECHER 2nd and 4th Saturdays June through October in the Village Hall Parking Lot, 625 Dixie Highway

For the past several years a very successful farmer's market has been held at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church parking lot located on Church Road between Ashland and Racine. In order to have greater exposure, the Village has been approached by the host of the market to hold it in the Village Hall parking lot at 625 Dixie Highway beginning in 2019. The market will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays in June, July, August and September. There will be one market on Dixie the second Saturday in October, and then the final farmers market will move back to St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Church Road and be combined with a trunk or treat for the kids. Stay tuned for more information on the farmer's market on the Village of Beecher Facebook Page!



Enclosed is the 2018 Beecher Consumer Confidence/Water Quality Report

BE AWARE OF CHANGES TO VILLAGE BRUSH COLLECTION PROGRAM

The 2019 brush collection program began on April 15th. **Brush pick-up will occur every Tuesday** and continue until November 26, 2019. To ensure your brush is collected by the Village, you are asked to follow the rules below:

1. Brush bundles are to be placed out to the roadside by 6:30 a.m. on collection day. Brush put out the same day of pick-up is not guaranteed to be collected that week.
2. Grass clippings, leaves, stones or mulch mixed with brush **WILL NOT BE PICKED UP**. Grass clippings, leaves, thorns and mulch should be disposed of in yard waste bags. Absolutely NO root balls on bushes or shrubs, as this will damage the equipment.
3. Brush bundles should not exceed 4' wide x 4' tall x 6' long. There must be 2' between each pile if more than one bundle is to be picked up. Brush is to be stacked in bundles in a neat manner. If brush is not stacked in a neat manner, it will **NOT** be picked up. All cut ends are to face street in the same direction. All smaller brush piles shall be tied with twine or placed in cans for the crew to dump into chipper. The machine will be damaged if any other material is used other than twine.



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Changes to Brush Program Continued

4. Brush pick-up is intended for branches removed during routine trimming or due to storm damage. Entire trees that have been taken down by a resident or private contractor will NOT be picked up by the Village.

These rules are set in place to provide an efficient and cost effective brush collection program for Village residents. Any questions about this program should be directed to the Village Hall. Thank you for your cooperation!

VILLAGE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello, welcome to spring!

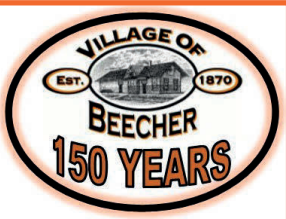
VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in volunteering for any one of our four commissions; Fourth of July Commission, Beautification Commission, Youth Commission or Historic Preservation Commission? Feel free to go to the Village of Beecher website for a detailed description of what each commission is responsible for. If you are interested in helping, please call the Village Hall and leave your name and telephone number and indicate what commission you think you would be interested in. Someone from the respective commission will then follow up with you.

Over the years, it is my opinion that Beecher has lost some of its winter holiday spirit. In the past we have had decorating contests, light parades, festivities in Firemen's Park, and house walks, to name just a few. In the future, we could bring back some of those festivities or create new festivities such as; a cookie exchange, business walk, encourage businesses to decorate their store fronts, are only a few ideas. If you think you have new, creative ideas and want to volunteer some time encouraging groups, business, churches and residents to participate, call the Village Hall and leave your name and phone number and indicate you want to help bring back our holiday spirit. If we have enough interest, we would form a committee or create a new commission.

Most importantly, I would like to thank all of our commissioners and their volunteers for the job that they do.

Greg Szymanski
Village President



BEECHER TURNS 150 IN 2020! ***Sesquicentennial Events being planned***

In the Summer of 2020 the Village plans to celebrate its 150th birthday. The Community Relations Committee of the Village Board is working on several special events and projects which will occur that year.

The one project that will have a lasting legacy is a new chapter being written for Beecher's history book which first came out in 1995. This new chapter will highlight all of the historical events and principal characters of this most recent era between the Quasquicentennial and the Sesquicentennial and will be a supplement to the 1995 edition. Many members of the original book committee from 1995, including Chairperson Shirley Biery, are drafting this most recent edition. In fact, the original publisher of the book is still in business and has agreed to copyright this next edition. The \$10,000 cost of this project is being funded by local sponsors who are purchasing ads to be placed in the book. If you are interested in an ad, please contact the Village Hall.

Other events are being planned for the first weekend in August, 2020 in conjunction with the annual Lions Club Summerfest. Stay tuned for more updates in the Spring 2020 edition of the newsletter.



BEECHER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Non-Highway Vehicles



Summer is right around the corner. With that said, we expect to see our local residents enjoying their golf carts and Side by Side Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV).

Here are a few things to remember:

- ✓ Must have a valid Driver's License
- ✓ Must have proof of vehicle insurance
- ✓ Drive on roadways 30mph or less
- ✓ You may cross at intersections for roadways 35mph or more
- ✓ Vehicle must have current registration with the Beecher Police Dept.
- ✓ Must not carry more passengers than seats permanently mounted
- ✓ Do not drive on sidewalks (625 5/11-1412.1)
- ✓ Do not drive in parks
- ✓ Do not drive on school property (park in parking lot)
- ✓ Maximum weight 2000 lbs, Maximum width 64"

Vehicles must include: brakes, steering apparatus, tires, rearview mirror, red reflectors in front and rear, slow moving emblem on rear, headlight (emits white light visible 500 feet), taillight (emits red light visible 100 feet), brake lights, and seatbelts and safety seats to comply with the Child Passenger Safety laws.

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NHV001

Expires May 31, 2020

All Non-Highway Vehicles must be registered with the Beecher Police Department. Non-Highway Vehicle stickers go on sale June 1, 2019 at the Beecher Police Department located at 724 Penfield Street. The price of the sticker is \$25.00. If you are paying by check, please make the check payable to the Village of Beecher. In order to be registered, the non-highway vehicle shall be subject to inspection. If you have any questions, please contact the Beecher Police Department at **708-946-6388**.

Below is an excerpt from School Board policy 8:30:

Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

"No person on school property or at a school event (including visitors, students, and employees) shall perform any of the following acts:...

12. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized District employee's directive; On District property, all golf carts must comply with the same laws and expectations as other motorized vehicles. This includes, but it not limited to parking and speed limits. Anyone found in violation of this policy can have their vehicle towed at the owner's expense, or other consequences deemed appropriate by the Administration."



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MANY WAYS TO STAY INFORMED ON WHAT'S GOING ON IN BEECHER!!

***It's easy to stay "in the know" about Village meetings,
community events and emergency notifications***

In the old days, if you wanted to know what is going on in town you waited for the Beecher Herald to come out on Thursdays. If you wanted to know a little sooner you would go to the post office and check the bulletin board for notices and obituaries, or run into one of your neighbors there that would "give you the scoop." This is still going on, and there is nothing wrong with a little socializing with your neighbors. But in the digital world, transparency and the speed of communication is king. The Village makes every effort to provide as much information as possible on its social media platforms. The Village website contains a library of Village documents and forms for use by residents. Want to pay a water bill or apply for a building permit? Click here. Want to see every Village budget, five-year plan or audit in the last five years? Click here. Want to look up a Village ordinance or see the zoning map? Click here. In addition, there are several links to other websites of interest to Village residents on the Village's page. For example, the Village's entire land use planning process that began in 2018 is called "Beecher 2040" and has its own website and link where you can review plans and even comment on them.

However, the website is static and does not provide you with real time information. For day to day news, check out the Village of Beecher and Beecher Police Department Facebook pages to get up to date information on happenings in the Village and friendly reminders. Also, the Village has our own YouTube Channel where you can view videos of Village Board meetings. These videos are usually uploaded the day after the meeting, posted to YouTube, shared on our Facebook page and average about 35 views per meeting. You can watch your local government in action!

There are other Facebook pages on Beecher independent of the Village that provide a forum for residents to express their views or concerns on issues. If you want to know what people are thinking, here is where to look.

The quickest way to get critical public safety information is to sign up for Everbridge NIXLE; a text notification system provided by the Beecher Police Department. To sign up for Everbridge NIXLE, go to the Village's website and click on the Everbridge NIXLE button on the left side of the home page and follow the instructions. Have your cell phone number handy. This system is used to advise you if local roads become closed due to accidents or snow, when trains block crossings, or if water service is interrupted over a large area. Tornado and Severe Thunderstorm Warnings which include Beecher also activate the Everbridge NIXLE system. Messages average about once per month so you will not get bombarded after signing up. This system has become a direct link from our public safety agencies to our residents.



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www.villageofbeecher.org

VILLAGE FACEBOOK PAGE

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POLICE DEPT WEBSITE

www.beecherpolice.org

POLICE DEPT FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/Beecher-Police-Department-107608725938366/>



VILLAGE BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following actions were taken by the Beecher Village Board since the Fall of 2018:

- ✓ Entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Beecher Fire Protection District for the use of 3 acres of Village-owned land as a fire training facility site at Indiana Avenue and Town Center Road. This agreement runs for ten years.
- ✓ Entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Beecher School District for the hiring and use of a School Resource Officer at the schools. This agreement runs for five years.
- ✓ Solicited 15 CPA firms for proposals for completing an annual audit of the Village's finances and accepted a proposal from Sikich, LLP of Naperville, IL to conduct audits for a period of three years.
- ✓ Approved the installation of a small children's playground or "tot lot" behind the tee ball field in Firemen's Park. \$15,500 in donations were raised for this project.
- ✓ Approved a policy for the hiring of full-time police officers using a police commission.
- ✓ Approved contracts for the replacement of watermain on Oak Park from Indiana Avenue to Hodges Street.
- ✓ Approved an engineering agreement with Baxter and Woodman to design the replacement of watermain on Gould Street from Miller to Indiana and both crossings under the railroad. This project will be bid in May of 2019.
- ✓ Approved the installation of cluster mail boxes in the remainder of Nantucket Cove Subdivision.
- ✓ Approved the hiring of Jacob Pevion and Alex Witkowsky as new public works employees.
- ✓ Approved the submission of a Safe Routes To Schools grant application to IDOT in the amount of \$200,000 for installing sidewalks in subdivisions where there are gaps.
- ✓ Approved a contract with AZAVAR on a commission basis for the collection of certain revenues due to the Village but not being received.
- ✓ Approved a special use in a B-1H for Hack Funeral Home, 753 Hodges for a crematorium.
- ✓ Approved a contract with ME Simpson to implement GIS on the Village's water system for the proper location of all valves and hydrants.

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Board meeting highlights continued

- ✓ Approved an ordinance eliminating the \$275 new meter charge and replacing it with a \$50 new account charge.
- ✓ Adopted a tax levy with a 0% increase in the levy. The Village has collected the same amount of levy since 2012.
- ✓ Approved participation in a program converting all Village-owned street lighting and municipal building exterior lighting to LED at a cost not to exceed \$15,085. Com Ed will reimburse the Village half this expense and decreases in electric usage will pay for the remainder after five years.
- ✓ Approved a three-year program for the exercising and testing of all watermain valves in the Village at a cost of \$21,000.
- ✓ Appointed Nelson Collins to the Beecher Fourth of July Commission replacing Laura Voss.
- ✓ Agreed to submit a bid of \$90,000 for the purchase of 533 Reed Street which was accepted. The building and adjoining land will be used for police, EMA and public works storage.
- ✓ Learned that Beecher Rec will be completing the ballfield light project in Firemen's #2 field and installing a backstop on the tee ball field.
- ✓ Approved a five-year financial plan for the Village for fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2023. This plan can be found on the Village's website.
- ✓ Adopted a new floodplain management ordinance for the Village as required by federal law for participation in the federal flood insurance program.
- ✓ Approved the purchase of a full-page ad in the Beecher Sesquicentennial Book in the amount of \$1,000. It was noted that this is a Village-sponsored program and the Village should support the efforts of the committee who has not asked for any funding.

The Village Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Beecher Village Hall, 625 Dixie Highway. Residents are always invited to attend these meetings. Board meetings can also be viewed on YouTube. The link to the Village YouTube Channel can be found on the Village Website.



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YARD WASTE BAGS



Collection of yard waste bags by Homewood/Star/A&J Disposal resumed April 1st. Yard waste bags may be placed at the curb for regular Monday pick-up until the end of November. Yard waste bags should not be placed out to the curb for pick-up prior to 3:00 p.m. the day before pick-up. Residents must use bags with the Homewood/Star/A&J Disposal logo on them or purchase a sticker to put on other brands of yard waste bags. The cost of the bag includes the fee for disposal of the yard waste. Bags can be purchased at various local businesses and at the Village Hall. The Village Hall charges \$2.75 per bag and \$2.40 per sticker. Yard waste bags without the Homewood/Star/A&J Disposal logo/sticker will not be picked up.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM

It's that time of the year again! The Public Works Department will begin spraying for mosquitos on Thursday evenings beginning at the end of April. Spraying will begin around dusk and be completed by around 1:00 a.m. Spraying can only be conducted when the weather conditions meet certain criteria. Temperature, wind speed, and precipitation may prevent a spraying on Thursday evening. If this is the case, spraying may be delayed until Friday evening or pushed ahead to Wednesday evening. Weekly spraying will continue through September unless mosquito counts are low.

During mosquito spraying we want to remind you to keep children away from the spray fog cloud directly behind our spray trucks. If you have asthma or any other type of breathing problems, you may want to remain inside with doors and windows closed during application in your area. It is important to note that the chemicals used for the Village's mosquito program are non-toxic to humans and animals.



ANNUAL WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE ON MAY WATER BILLING & ANNUAL REFUSE RATE INCREASE ON JULY WATER BILLING

The annual water and sewer rate increase will be reflected on the May 2019 water bill. Water rates will be increased by 10 cents per thousand gallons and sewer rates by 10 cents per thousand gallons effective March 1st. These annual increases were implemented to keep up with rising costs for chemicals, testing supplies, electric, natural gas and other materials needed for keeping the water and sewer systems running. The overall increase for a resident who uses 8,000 gallons or less of water will be \$1.60 per billing period.

If you live in one of the newer subdivisions and pay a Lift Station (LS) charge on your water bill, the lift station charge will also increase by 2 cents per thousand gallons of water used.

An annual refuse rate increase will be reflected on the July 2019 water bill. The refuse rate will increase by \$1.00 per billing.

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Beecher Police Department Drug Disposal Program



Do you ever wonder what happens to unused prescription medication? Some people flush it down the drain or throw it in the garbage. By doing this, there is a chance of contaminating *our* water supply. There are a lot of folks out there who hold on to their medication because they don't know what to do with it. Besides self-medicating, which is not recommended, unused prescription drugs can fall into the wrong hands. According to the Substance Abuse & Health Service Administration, the fastest growing drug problem in the United States isn't cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamines. It is prescription drugs, and it is profoundly affecting the lives of teenagers.

Bring your unused prescription medication to the Beecher Police Department located at 724 Penfield Street and we will dispose of it properly.



Yes – Accepted

- Prescriptions
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medication for pets

Not-Accepted

- Needles (Sharps)
- Medication from Businesses or Clinics
- Ointment, Lotions, or Liquids
- Aerosol Cans
- Inhalers
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Prescription Bottles

Reminder

We do not take prescription bottles. Please remove your prescription medication prior to disposal.

Any questions, please contact the Beecher Police Department at 708-946-6388.

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Consumer Confidence Report

2018 Annual Village of Beecher Drinking Water Quality Report

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Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2018

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by BEECHER is Ground Water

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name: Steven Zellner

Phone: 708-946-2261

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water
<p>The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.</p> <p>Contaminants that may be present in source water include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. - Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. - Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. - Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems. - Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL 3 (00399)	GW		1 ROMANS RD
WELL 4 (00832)	GW		628 GOULD ST
WELL 5 (01750)	GW		APPROX 1250FT N OF CHURCH RD, 3032 FT E OF DIXIE HWY, 1455 Rolling Pass

Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by the Beecher Village Hall or call our water operator at 708-946-2261. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: BEECHER. To determine Beecher's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, the following document was reviewed: a Well Site Survey, published in 1989 by the Illinois EPA. Based on the information obtained in this document, there are eight potential sources of groundwater contamination that could pose a hazard to groundwater utilized by Beecher's Community Water Supply. These include a treated wood/lumber yard, a pesticide retail sales, one fertilizer retail sales, a fire station, a private well, one below ground fuel storage tank, and two above ground fuel storage tanks. In addition, information provided by the Leaking Underground Storage Tank and Remedial Project Management Sections of the Illinois EPA indicated several sites with on-going remediation that might be of concern. The susceptibility determination for this community water supply is based on a number of criteria including monitoring conducted at the wells, monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system, and available hydrogeologic data on the wells. The Illinois EPA has determined that the Beecher Community Water Supply's source water is not susceptible to contamination. The land use within the wellhead protection area was analyzed as part of this susceptibility determination. This land use includes residential and commercial properties.

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2018 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Coliform Bacteria

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level	Highest No. of Positive	Fecal Coliform or E. Coli Maximum Contaminant Level	Total No. of Positive E. Coli or Fecal Coliform Samples	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
0	1 positive monthly sample.	1		0	N	Naturally present in the environment.

Lead and Copper

Definitions: Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	08/31/2016	1.3	1.3	0.35	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

VILLAGE OF BEECHER

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:	The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
Avg:	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Level 1 Assessment:	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment:	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
na:	not applicable.
mrem:	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
ppb:	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
ppm:	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
Treatment Technique or TT:	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2018	0.8	0.2 - 0.8	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2018	2	2.37 - 2.37	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2018	12	11.6 - 11.6	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	2018	1.2	0 - 1.2	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	2018	0.023	0.012 - 0.023	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2018	0.924	0.732 - 0.924	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	2018	0.34	0.19 - 0.34		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.

Manganese	2018	6.1	2.9 - 6.1	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2018	0.03	0 - 0.03	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	2018	65	45 - 65			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	02/27/2017	1.38	1.38 - 1.38	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	04/17/2015	2.98	0.489 - 2.98	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

Violations Table

Chlorine			
Some people who use water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water containing chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.			
Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR	07/01/2018	09/30/2018	We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated. Sample site location was no longer available due to foreclosure. Resampling did not occur within required time period. Changed sampling site location.



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

Wednesday, July 3rd thru Saturday, July 6th

As this article is being written it is still below freezing outside and it appears Spring will never come! Then thoughts of 2018's super-heated Fourth of July weekend enters the mind and warms you up very quickly. Remember last year? Hot and humid and then the worst rainstorm of the year just before the fireworks. The good news is that the Commission just about broke even and paid all of its bills meaning that with a little help from the Fourth of July Corporate Sponsors there will be a celebration in 2019!

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Wednesday, July 3rd - 6 pm to Midnight

- 5:45 pm - Kiddie and pet parade
(line-up at 5:30 pm)
- 6-10 pm - \$20 Wrist bands
- 6-10 pm - Bingo
- 6-10 pm - Festival Market
- 7:30-11 pm - ARRA on main stage
- 11 pm - Early bird car drawing

Thursday, July 4th - Noon to Midnight

- 7-7:50 am - Lions Club 5K Run/Walk
Registration
- 8:15 am - Lions Club 5K Run/Walk begins
- 12 pm - Carnival, car stand and
Festival Market open
(all other stands open after parade)
- Noon-3 pm - \$20 Wrist bands
- 2-3:30 pm - Parade line-up and registration
- 3 pm - Float judging
- 4 pm - Parade
- 6-9 pm - Bingo
- 7:00-11 pm - Dixie Crush on main stage
- 9:30 pm - Fireworks
- 11 pm - Early bird car drawing

Friday, July 5th - 6 pm to Midnight

- 6-10 pm - \$20 Wrist bands
- 6-10 pm - Bingo
- 6-10 pm - Festival Market
- 7:30-11 pm - Dick Diamond & the Dusters
on main stage
- 11 pm - Early bird car drawing

Saturday, July 6th - Noon to Midnight

- 12-2 pm - Jim Bulanda on main stage
- 12-6 pm - Prairie 4-H Farm Expo
- 3-5 pm - Those Funny Little People
on main stage
- 3-7 pm - Will County Forest Preserve
Reptile Exhibit
- 12-4 pm - \$20 Wrist bands
- 12-10 pm - Bingo
- 12-10 pm - Festival Market
- 4-7 pm - Chamber of Commerce
Chicken & Pork Chop Dinner
- 7-11 pm - \$20 Wrist bands
- 7-11 pm - Hat Guys on main stage
- 11 pm - Car raffle drawing



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RAILROAD CROSSING QUIET ZONE UPDATE

The Village is continuing to pursue a quiet zone through the entire Village limits and at Eagle Lake Road. This involves improving four crossings up to quiet zone standards. It is not as easy for Beecher as it was for some communities up north because train speeds are higher in our area. A railroad gate on Church Road has also been identified as being too close to the roadway preventing even the slightest widening of the road for a center median. The Village, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Federal Railroad Administration and the Union Pacific Railroad are all in discussion as to who would have to pay to relocate the gates, which is a very expensive alternative. The Village will continue to keep you up to date on this very important project.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Chamber of Commerce Car Cruise Nights

1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings from June thru September
(located on Dixie Highway south of the Village Hall)



Bicycle Rodeo • June 1st in Firemen's Park

Chamber of Commerce Garage Sale Days • June 6-8

4th of July Celebration • July 3-6 in Firemen's Park

Beecher Lions Club Annual Summerfest • August 3rd in Firemen's Park