

May 25, 2004

**Riverwoods Residents
Des Plaines River Area**

Flood Level Status

Dear Resident:

Based on the most recent forecast by the National Weather Service, we currently anticipate floodwater heights on the Des Plaines River to crest Thursday afternoon about three inches higher than the water elevations reached during the flood of October, 1986. Flooding of this magnitude will impact homes along Thornmeadow Road as well as properties west of the River. Water levels are expected to fall below flood stage early Sunday morning.

Sand and sandbags are available at Brentwood Nursing Home and at the intersection of Juneberry and Orange Brace Roads. We suggest that sandbagging efforts be limited to blocking low openings in buildings (garage doors, window wells, first-floor doorways, etc.) rather than attempting to protect a larger perimeter around the building. Plastic sheeting behind the sandbags will typically increase their effectiveness.

The Village has met and coordinated with the Army Corps of Engineers, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and other local and regional authorities. In addition, the U.S. Navy has deployed sailors to help fill the sandbags.

Please note that the streets will flood before the buildings, making access difficult if not impossible; homeowners should be prepared to evacuate before they must be rescued. The Village has increased police patrols in this area to protect evacuated properties.

Residents are urged not to drive through flooded roads and to avoid contact with floodwaters, which can often be contaminated with sewage and other hazardous materials.

Please read the attached guidelines for additional precautions during periods of flooding. The Village will continue to make every reasonable effort to assist residents and business owners during this event. We will also distribute additional information regarding cleanup and restoration when the floodwaters have receded.

Please feel free to contact Village Hall at 847.945.3990 with any questions or comments, or email pglenn@gha-engineers.com.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Glenn, P.E., Village Engineer