



Greetings from Mayor Langfelder

I hope your family is having an enjoyable summer. As summer winds down, it is a good time to look ahead. I have requested Public Works to analyze lake road conditions. This year CWLP budgeted approximately \$100,000 for road improvements; however, that amount dwarfs the amount of work that needs to be done. Going before City Council in September is an ordinance to increase the scope of work for this year lake roads to approximately \$400,000. The roads to be improved are Virginia Lane, Caravan Lane, North Villa Grove, Fairview, West Fairview, and portions of Maple Grove. Public Works is working on a phased approach strategy to improve all lake roads on a rotational basis. Special thanks to City Engineer Nate Bottom and Larry Rockford, CWLP's Superintendent of Property Services, for their collaborative effort to move this initiative forward.

Another long overdue initiative that we have moved to the forefront is Springfield's secondary water supply. As most know, Lake II aka Hunter Lake planning has been on and off for well over 50 years. Since other communities rely on Springfield as a backup water source, it is paramount that Springfield has a backup water source. Water is the crucial resource for anyone's future. Consequently, we have been going through the arduous process of getting a decision regarding a secondary source of water. After studying dozens of alternatives, the analysis comes down to the same two alternatives - Lake II and the Havana Pipeline. To give you a perspective on how long it will take to build the 50 mile Havana Pipeline, Springfield's 11th Street Extension was just completed in August. It took 48 years to go about a 1/4 of a mile. Lake II is the most logical and economical secondary source of water, and we are vigorously pursuing a permit.

The next Public Utilities Meeting will be Monday, September 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The meeting will include an update on CWLP's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), which will formulate a proactive strategic plan for our future energy needs. In October, we will host Strategic Ward Plan Meetings. It will be your opportunity to share your critiques and ideas that will move our City forward. We will work with Alderman Chuck Redpath to set the date and place. For meeting schedules or other City information, please go to www.springfield.il.us.

Thank you,
Jim Langfelder
Mayor