

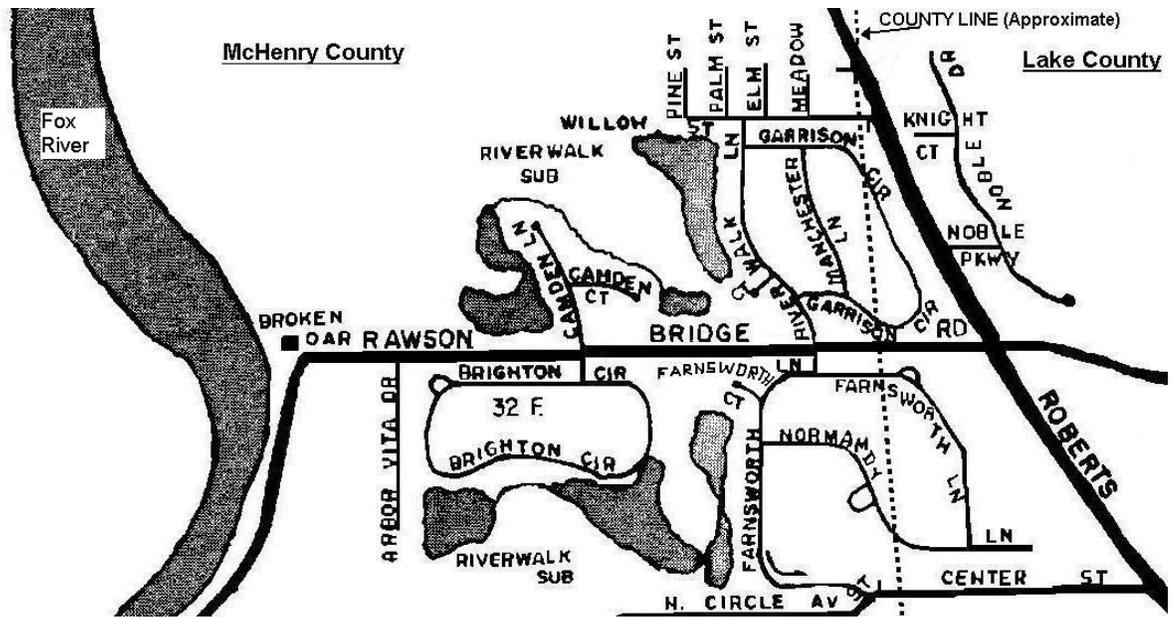
TO: Residents of Port Barrington

FROM: McHenry County Department of Health
Lake County Health Department

DATE: December 18, 2007

The McHenry and Lake County Health Departments are continuing to investigate a concern that the chemicals used for weed/algae control in the ponds in Riverwalk Subdivision may be impacting nearby private water wells. Initial sampling by Department staff has confirmed the presence of a dye (Acid Blue #9) used to control aquatic plant growth in retention ponds, in seven (7) of twenty-five (25) residential wells that were sampled in Riverwalk Subdivision.

The Departments have now received additional reports of the potential presence of blue dye in the water supplies of several residents in Phases 1 & 2. At this time the McHenry and Lake County Health Departments are requesting that any resident in the geographic area designated below notify McHenry or Lake County Health Department if they have noted the presence of blue dye in their water supply:



In order to determine the extent of the contamination, water samples will be collected by McHenry and Lake County Health Department staff from the suspect wells and analyzed for the presence of Acid Blue Dye #9. The residents in Phases 5 & 7 of Riverwalk Subdivision and anyone who suspects that there has been blue dye in their water supply should not use their water for consumption by animals or humans. Bottled water can be utilized for drinking and cooking purposes. This is a precautionary measure; no illness or negative health effects have been associated with consumption of the water at this time.

McHenry and Lake County Department staff continue to work with multiple other agencies, including the Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and Illinois Geological and Water Surveys, in the investigation of this matter. Additional information will be shared with you as it becomes available.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Berg at McHenry County Department of Health at 815-334-4585 or Mark Mussachio at Lake County Health Department at 847-984-5000.

Cc: Village of Port Barrington
Riverwalk Property Owner's Association