

November 19, 2015

Issue: POLICE PENSION OBLIGATION BOND

- NAME: CHET PERRY
 - RESIDENT OF BARRINGTON SINCE 1970
 - CURRENT ADDRESS: 3 PORTER SCHOOL ROAD, BARRINGTON HILLS.
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- FIRST: I'M WANT TO BE ON RECORD AS BEING HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE DAILY CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MAKE TO THE HEATH, WELFARE, SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR LOVELY COMMUNITY.
 - I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT ALL LEVELS OF OUR FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WHICH CONITNUE TO SPEND AND CREATE LONG TERM FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS FOR OUR CITIZENS AND OUR CHILDREN WITHOUT CONCERN HOW TO PAY FOR THEM OTHER THAN BY CONINUALLY ADDING MORE TAXES. OUR COUNTRY IS TRULY BANKRUPT BY ANY METRIC USED FOR PRIVATE ENTERPRISE. NEVERTHELESS, WE KEEP SPENDING FAR BEYOND OUR MEANS.
 - THE POLICE PENSION FUND (PPF) WAS CREATED BY A REFERENDUM IN 2005. LIKE MOST GOVERNMENTAL PENSION FUNDS, IT IS A "DEFINED BENEFITS PLAN". THE PPF, AGAIN LIKE IN MOST GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, HAS BEEN FUNDED AS A "CURRENT LIABILITY" WITH THE VILLAGE'S PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS MADE MONTHLY / ANNUALLY AGAINST THE CURRNT YEAR'S BUDGET FOR THAT LINE ITEM.
 - UNDER THE CURRENT SYSTEM, THE VILLAGES CONTRIBUTIONS ARE MADE AS A CURRENT LIABILITY PAYMENT THERE IS NO INTEREST COST FOR TIME VALUE OF MONEY ON THOSE ANNUAL PAYMENTS TO THE PPF. WHEREAS, WITH A NEW 20 YEAR LOAN OBLIGATION FOR \$8 MILLION TO FULLY FUND THE PPF, THERE ARE ANNUAL INTEREST COSTS AND FEES TO BE PAID. ADDITIONALLY, THE MERE FACT OF OUR SMALL VILLAGE'S BALANCE SHEET SUDDENLY ADDING \$8 MILLION OF LONG TERM DEBT AND THAT DEBT BEING THE SINGLE LARGEST EXPENSE LINE ITEM, IT WILL CERTAINLY HAVE ITS OWN SEPARATE NEGATIVE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ATTACHED TO ANY FUTURE BORROWINGS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE VILLAGE.
 - I ASK MAKING OR SUPPORTING SUCH A PROPOSAL TO GO ON RECORD EXPLAINING IN DETAIL TO OUR COMMUNITY WHAT IS THE MOTIVATION AND INCENTIVE FOR THE VILLAGE TO TAKE OUT A LOAN OF SOME \$8 MILLION TO FULLY FUND THE PPF BY TODAY'S CALCULATIONS?
 - WITH THE REQUIRED EMPLOYMENT TENURE FOR POLICE OFFICERS VESTING IN THE PPF, AND THE RELATIVELY YOUNG AGE OF OUR EXISTING POLICE FORCE, AND THE CURRENT ANNUAL DRAWINGS BY ANNUITANTS AGAINST THE PPF WHICH HAS BALANCES OF ABOUT \$8.5 MILLION, THERE IS NO APPARENT PRESSING FINANCIAL REASON FOR THE VILLAGE TO INCUR THIS NEW DEBT FOR 20 YEARS.
 - FINALLY, IN SUMMARY, IT DEFIES GOOD BUSINESS LOGIC AND GOOD SOUND GOVERNANCE TO CHANGE A SYSTEM WHICH IS PRESENTLY WORKING WELL AND HAS BEEN SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2005 FOR THE FUNDING OF THE PPF. AS THE ADAGE GOES, "... IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT!"
 - NEVERTHELESS, IF THE VILLAGE BOARD DISAGREES WITH MY ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF THIS MATTER, THEN I RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THAT RATHER THAN PERMITTING MERELY A FEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THIS CURRENT VILLAGE BOARD TO POTENTIALLY VOTE ON CREATING A FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OF THE MAGNITUDE BEING CONSIDERED OF \$8 MILLION SPANNING IN TIME OVER MANY FUTURE VILLAGE BOARD ADMINISTRATIONS, THAT THIS MATTER BE PLACED ON A REFERENDUM VOTE FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO BE EDUCATED AND WEIGH IN ON THIS

DECISION. MANY, PERHAPS MOST, OF THIS BOARD WILL EITHER BE RETIRED OR LIVING IN OTHER PARTS OF THIS COUNTRY LONG BEFORE SUCH BOND DEBT COULD BE PAID OFF.

Complaint: 789 Plum Tree Road violates Home Occupation Ordinances.

D) Home Occupation: The intent of this subsection is to provide peace, quiet and domestic tranquility within all residential neighborhoods within the village and in order to guarantee to all residents freedom from nuisances, fire hazards, excessive noise, light and traffic, and other possible effects of business or commercial uses being conducted in residential districts. It is further the intent of this subsection to regulate the operation of a home occupation so that the general public will be unaware of its existence. A home occupation shall be conducted in a manner which does not give an outward appearance nor manifest characteristics of a business which would infringe upon the right of neighboring residents to enjoy the peaceful occupancy of their dwelling units or infringe upon or change the intent or character of the residential district.

1. Authorization: Subject to the limitations of this subsection, any home occupation that is customarily incidental to the principal use of a building as a dwelling shall be permitted in any residential zoning district.

A: 789 Plum Tree Road has 3 separate buildings which are used for their Museum which have the sole purpose of being a conference meeting hall, a theatre, a catering business, a repair facility, and a museum. The main house has more square footage dedicated to the Museum and theatre than to the living quarters.

2. Definition: A "home occupation" is any lawful business, profession, occupation or trade conducted from a principal building or an accessory building in a residential district that:

a. Is conducted for gain or support by a full time occupant of a dwelling unit; and

A. Multiple business operate from 789 Plum Tree all of which provide gain to Jasper and Marian Sanfilippo.

b. Is incidental and secondary to the principal use of such dwelling unit for residential occupancy purposes, except that it is recognized that any barn, stable, or arena, may exceed the size of the dwelling unit; and

A. The square footage for the museum, the catering business and for the convention rental facilities is greater than the residence. This is not an incidental or secondary usage.

c. Does not change the essential residential character of such dwelling unit or the surrounding neighborhood.

A. The holding of public events of over 350 people at least once a week adds 18,200 strangers a week. This dramatically increases the traffic, noise and congestion to our neighborhood. The loud parties disrupt the quiet of the neighborhood as do the blazing lights which are turned on late into the evening. Strangers are constantly turning around in driveways. The Sanfilippos have made significant changes to the property including adding excessive outdoor lighting.

3. Use Limitations:

a. Employee Limitations:

(1) The owner of every home occupation shall be a person that is a full time occupant of the dwelling unit where such occupation is conducted.

(2) No more than two (2) employees or subcontractors, other than the full time occupants of a dwelling unit shall be engaged or employed in connection with, or otherwise participate in the operation of, a home occupation at any one time. This limitation on the number of employees or subcontractors

shall not apply to employees or subcontractors who are not present and do not work at the dwelling unit devoted to such home occupation.

A. 789 Plum Tree Road has more than two employees engaged in running the multiple businesses which are conducted from 789 Plum Tree Road.

b. Structural Limitations:

- (1) No alteration of any kind shall be made to the dwelling unit where a home occupation is conducted that would change its residential character as a dwelling unit, including the enlargement of public utility services beyond that customarily required for residential use.

A. 789 Plum Tree Road uses more utilities than the entire neighborhood and is well beyond what is customarily used in a residence in Barrington Hills. The property has multiple buildings that are used for non-residential activities. The home is advertised and rented out as a concert hall and as a museum.

- (2) No separate entrance from the outside of the building where the home occupation is located shall be added to such building for the sole use of the home occupation.

A. There are multiple entrances used to bring the public into the various buildings. The public are ferried back and forth from the home to the parking area and to the carousal building where refreshments are now served and seating for large groups of over 350 people.

c. Operational Limitations:

- (1) Every home occupation shall be conducted wholly within either: a) a principal building or b) an accessory building, but not both.

A. 789 Plum Tree Road uses at least three buildings to rent out their facilities to the public. They advertise these uses on the Internet.

- (2) The floor area ratio (FAR) of the area of the building used for any such home occupation shall not exceed 0.01 (exclusive of garage floor area devoted to permissible parking of vehicles used in connection with the home occupation), with the exception of any barn, stable, or arena.

A. 789 Plum Tree has excessive parking, The public park up and down the driveway, and on two side lots and the Sanfilippas also bring people to the public events with tour buses and with shuttle buses.

- (3) There shall be no direct retail sales of merchandise, other than by personal invitation or appointment, nor any permanent display shelves or racks for the display of merchandise to be sold in connection with the home occupation.

A. 789 Plum Tree promotes paraphernalia for sale at the home including pictures and CD's. They also sell raffle tickets and alcohol. Their tax forms prove this. They do not collect sales tax as required by state and local laws.

- (4) No routine attendance of patients, clients, customers, subcontractors, or employees (except employees and subcontractors as provided in subsection (D)3a(2) of this section) associated with any home occupation shall be permitted at the premises of the home occupation, provided, however, that the attendance of up to four (4) persons at any one time may be allowed for the purpose of receiving private instruction in any subject of skill. "Routine attendance" means that the conduct of the home occupation requires persons, other than the owner or permitted employees and subcontractors, to visit the premises of the home occupation as part of the regular conduct of the occupation, without regard to the number, frequency, or duration of such visits.

A. This clause is violated at every event they hold.

- (5) No vehicle or mechanical, electrical, or other equipment, that produces noise, electrical or magnetic interference, vibration, heat, glare, emissions, odor, or radiation outside the principal building or accessory building containing the home occupation that is greater or more frequent than that typical of vehicles or equipment used in connection with residential occupancy shall be used in connection with any home occupation.

A. The Carousal regularly disrupts the tranquility of the neighborhood with the loud disruptive music. This is an amusement ride and is operated in violation of Illinois laws

- (6) All storage of goods, materials, products or merchandise used or sold in conjunction with a home occupation shall be wholly within the principal building or accessory building containing the home occupation.

A. At least three buildings are used for storage.

- (7) No refuse in excess of the amount permitted under section [5-3-9](#) of this chapter shall be generated by any home occupation.

A. The large parties have excessive use of refuse and of residential septic. When there are 350+ visitors it requires considerable more usage then is customary for a residence.

- (8) There shall be a limit on the number of horses that are subject to the home occupation activity such that there shall not be in excess of one boarded horse per zoning lot acre.

d. Signage And Visibility:

- (1) No exterior business signs on a principal building, accessory building or vehicle used in connection with the home occupation, shall be permitted in connection with any home occupation unless otherwise permitted under section [5-5-11](#) of this title.

A. Signs and balloons are used.

- (2) There shall be no exterior indications of the home occupation or exterior variations from the residential character of the principal building or accessory building containing the home occupation.

A. The lighting on the property is excessive and looks more like a museum parking lot and convention hall than a home.

- e. Traffic Limitations: No home occupation shall generate significantly greater vehicular or pedestrian traffic than is typical of residences in the surrounding neighborhood of the home occupation.

A. Traffic is a problem at every event. We also have problem with drunk drivers leaving after the events and with them speeding up and down the roads coming and going to the parties at all hours of the day and night. Tour buses are also a problem and have caused distress to local residences. The police are not equipped to park a car there for every party that is held and the police response time has exceeded one hour to residence calls.

- f. Nuisance Causing Activities: In addition to the foregoing specific limitations, no home occupation shall cause or create any act, which endangers public health or results in annoyance or discomfort to the public, said act being defined as a nuisance under [title 7, chapter 1](#) of this code.

A. This is a chronic nuisance and multiple police reports prove the continuing nature of the abuse. The owners have made no effort to address the problems.

- g. Boarding And Training Of Horses And Riders: The boarding and training of horses and rider instruction shall be a permitted home occupation. For properties of less than ten (10) acres these activities are regulated under this subsection (D), and in addition must comply with the restrictions under subsections (A)2a(1), (A)2a(3), and (A)2a(8) of this section. For properties of ten (10) acres or larger, these activities are regulated solely under subsection (A)2 of this section. (Ord. 14-19, 12-15-2014)

Delight in a morning stop at **Clasen's European Bakery** (<http://www.clasensbakery.com/>) for samples onsite and purchases on your own. Lunch (included) is at an historic old flouring mill turned restaurant, **The Old Feed Mill** (<http://oldfeedmill.com/>). Enjoy "leaf-peeping" in rural Sauk County for a seven mile, 55 minute, round-trip ride over a 111-year old former branch line of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

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The Dancing Horses Theater—Holiday Season Performance—Delavan, WI

When: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 | 10:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$99 - (no refunds)

Trip ID: NST S42 001

Enjoy the magic of the holiday season with music, costumes, and holiday lights that grace the entire **theatre** (<https://thedancinghorses.com/home/>). This dazzling kaleidoscope of Christmas colors features an array of horse breeds, performing alongside their trainers in this fantastic cavalcade of equestrian artistry. Visually stunning, this show brings alive the Christmas spirit and childhood dreams. The state-of-the-art, yet intimate, 300-seat theatre is wheelchair-accessible, and fully climate controlled. This live show is truly a must-see for the entire family. Come experience the magic of Christmas! A delicious three-course meal, exotic bird show and tour of the performing barn is included.

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Holiday "Nuts" About Music

When: Thursday, December 3, 2015 | 10:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Cost: \$145 - (no refunds)

Trip ID: NST S29 001

Join us for this exclusive invitation for a groups-only tour to a Christmas concert at the magnificent Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Hills, Illinois. We'll begin with a plated meal, including wine, in the beautiful Carousel Pavilion, followed by a concert in the Sanfilippo residence. The concert will feature an organist (TBA) on the Mighty Sanfilippo Wurlitzer Theater Organ. Come see the estate decorated for the holidays, hear Christmas music on the antique music machines, and experience an unforgettable organ concert on the world's largest theater organ. After the concert, you'll have an opportunity to take a short walk-through the home to view the amazing collection.

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A Wonderful Life—Fireside Dinner Theatre—Fort Atkinson, WI

When: Sunday, December 6, 2015 | 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$99 - (no refunds)

Trip ID: NST S30 001

"Remember, no man is a failure who has friends." Tens of millions wait every Christmas to see Frank Capra's classic film of dreams and the power of love. The story of George Bailey and his wonderful life in Bedford Falls has brought hope and inspiration to every heart with its celebration of the goodness in all of us. It is the perfect message for the Christmas season. **The Fireside** (<https://www.firesidetheatre.com/>) continues its long tradition of bringing you the finest in Christmas entertainment with a stunning, live stage version of this beloved film. Written by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning lyricist Sheldon Harnick, one of the creators of Fiddler on the Roof, and Grammy and Emmy Award winner Joe Raposo whose music from Sesame Street and The Electric Company has inspired generations of young people, A Wonderful Life captures all the magic of the film and so much more. With humor, pathos, beautiful dancing, and a brilliant musical score this Fireside production will shine with the true spirit of Christmas. A delicious brunch is included.

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Beautiful, The Carole King Musical

When: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 | 9:15 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sharon Meroni

To: 'Robert Kosin'
Cc: 'mmclaughlin@barringtonhills-il.gov'; 'rsemelsberger@vbhpd.net'; 'building-dept@barringtonhill-il.gov'
Subject: RE: Stop the December 4, 5, and 6 Events

From: Sharon Meroni [mailto:sharon@meronigroup.com]

Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 1:25 PM

To: 'Robert Kosin' <rkosin@barringtonhills-il.gov>

Cc: 'mmclaughlin@barringtonhills-il.gov' <mmclaughlin@barringtonhills-il.gov>; 'rsemelsberger@vbhpd.net' <rsemelsberger@vbhpd.net>; 'building-dept@barringtonhill-il.gov' <building-dept@barringtonhill-il.gov>

Subject: Stop the December 4, 5, and 6 Events

Mr. Kosin,

You told me today that the Village Board was not aware I had filed a complaint until November 16th. I dispute this statement as you have the complaint filed on Thursday October 8th 2015 with Anna Paul which was sent to Rich Semelsberger, Martin McLaughlin, Don Schuman and yourself on October 8, 2015 at 1:13 pm.

The silent response is deafening.

In addition, coalitions from the neighborhood have attended three ZBA meetings and two village board meetings and presented the Boards with sufficient documentation of the non-permitted events occurring twice weekly at 789 Plum Tree Road.

Still, silence.

The Barrington Hills Village Board is responsible for enforcing the zoning laws in Barrington Hills. The BH Police and the Village Board have on record that the Sanfilippos are renting out their Museum/Theatre/Carousel Building/Machine Repair Shop/Catering Services for corporate, public and charitable functions. These events are advertised all over the Internet to the general public, including on the official tourism websites for both McHenry County and Lake County.

Selling Tickets on the Lake County Tourism Website:

http://www.visitlakecounty.org/member_details.cfm?MemberID=427

Two Day Tour Suggestion: Lake County Tourism Website: <http://www.visitlakecounty.org/grouptour-itinerary-for-music-wine-chocolate-nuts.cfm>

Advertised on the McHenry County Tourism Website: <https://www.mchenry.edu/Trips/>

Sanfilippo Website Promoting Tours to the Public and Rental of Facilities for Corporate Events: <http://www.sanfilippofoundation.org/events.html>

"Three Opportunities:

Friday, December 4, 2015 - House Touring & Concert - Doors open 6 pm, Concert 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm. This is a house only event, no food or drink offered. Tickets are \$65.00 each.

Saturday, December 5, 2015 - Elegant Dinner & Concert - Doors to the Carousel Pavilion open at 5:00 pm for cocktails. Dinner at 6:00 pm. Concert in Residence following Dinner, from 8 - 10 pm. Guests will be shuttled to the Residence. Tickets are \$125.00 each. **When ordering tickets, please list those you wish to be seated with on the ticket order in the comments section.

Sunday, December 6, 2015 - Champagne Brunch & Concert - Doors to the Carousel Pavilion open at noon for Brunch to begin at 12:30 pm. Concert in the Residence following the Brunch from 2:30 - 4:30 pm. Guests will be shuttled to the Residence. Tickets are \$125.00 each. **When ordering tickets, please list those you wish to be seated with on the ticket order in the comments section."

I note that while the Sanfilippo Foundation promote they are about charity however tax forms for the foundation shows only about 7% of their income actually goes to any charitable causes.

Alcohol is sold without a permit to the public as part of these events and this is against state and village laws. The police are not involved in controlling the excessive traffic, nor do they patrol at night when the alcohol infused party goes race out of the events heading home at all hours of the night. I note that the sale of alcohol to the general public in

Barrington Hills must be permitted and is otherwise illegal. Why has McLaughlin not insisted on the legal permits as is his responsibility?

Retail items are sold at these events, which is not permitted in Barrington Hills. Contrary to village and state laws, sales tax is not collected.

The frequent raffles are not permitted activity.

The Carousal is rented to corporate and charitable entities and this means they are an unlicensed amusement park. This is a Class A Crime and the police have failed to act. The operators have not had the criminal back ground checks required by state law. The loud carousal music permeates our quiet community at all hours of the night while alcohol infused party goers ride the carousal for long periods of time.

Yet the Village and the Village Board has failed to respond. At 789 Plum Tree Road, they advertise that they have working gambling machines, sell alcohol, and have an unlicensed amusement park while McLaughlin and the Village Board remain silent.

If the pony club needs a permit to hold a single public event, the Sanfilippos need them for the twice weekly public events they are currently holding.

We are requesting that the Village Board IMMEDIATELY intervene and stop the planned unlawful and non-permitted events on December 4, 5, and 6.

Your refusal to permit our coalition to meet with the Zoning Enforcement Officer is inexcusable and prevents us from receiving the relief we seek. These public events are not permitted use of the Home Occupation rules. Convention halls, theatres, fragrance galleries, amusement parks and museums are not permitted activities in Barrington Hills.

22 residents in our neighborhood asked the Village Board to investigate the activities at 789 Plum Tree Road. Today you told me you only gave the file to the Village Enforcement Officer today. I have records to prove that this is not true. Even if it were true, there is no excuse for that delay. Our neighborhood has had to endure at least two non-permitted parties a week at 789 Plum Tree and it is time the Village step up and do their job of enforcing village codes.

It appears that the only way to get this BH Village Board to do their job is to complain over and over again. This is entirely unnecessary and makes the life of the residents difficult and very uncomfortable.

The Village President McLaughlin is motivated to go after horse boarding, but blatantly ignores the complaints from 22 village residents of illegal and un-permitted activity at 789 Plum Tree Road; the Sanfilippos. The planned events in December are not permitted uses of the property. The collation of local residents passionately request that the Village act immediately and stop them.

Respectfully,
Sharon Meroni



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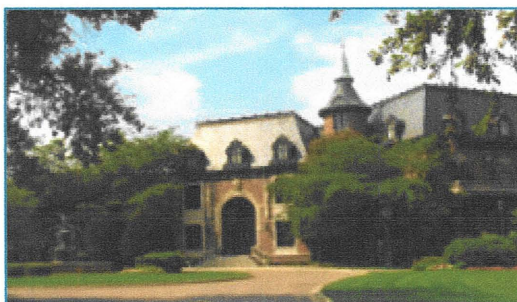
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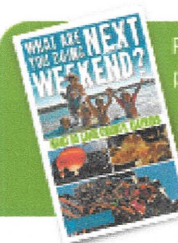
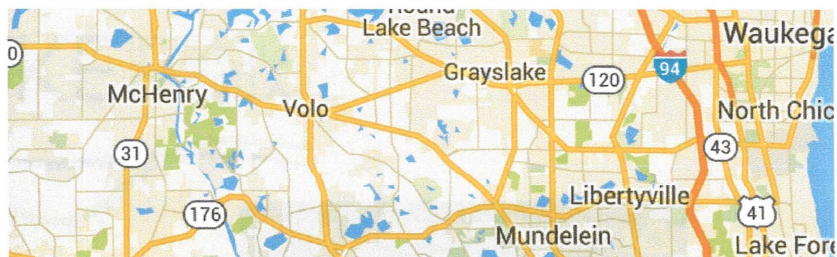
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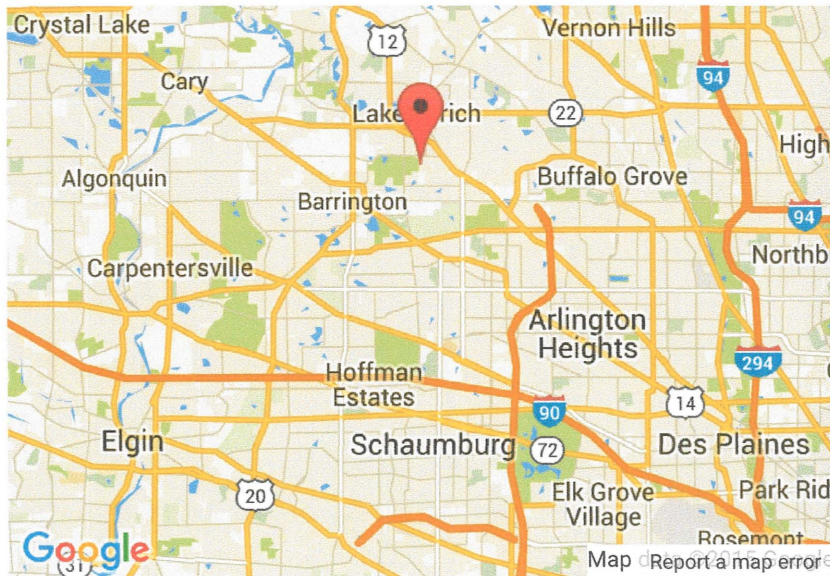
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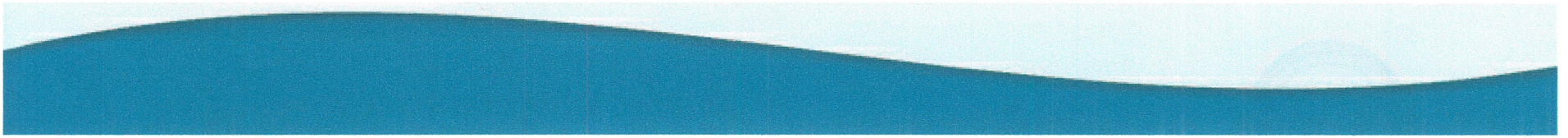
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