

PROCLAMATION

Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

October 21 - 27, 2012

WHEREAS, the Village of Barrington supports a healthy and safe environment for all of our children and families; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Barrington is dedicated to protecting the health of our youngest residents; and

WHEREAS, even in low amounts, lead poisoning can cause irreversible brain damage, shortened attention span, hyperactivity, aggressive behavior, learning disabilities, and other health and developmental problems for children; and

WHEREAS, lead paint in housing units and child care centers built before 1978 represents a risk for our children, and residents should take necessary precautions when engaging in renovation or repair of these buildings to reduce the risk of lead poisoning; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Barrington encourages all residents, especially parents and child care providers to be aware of the dangers of lead poisoning and seek appropriate testing for their children as a tool to prevent lead poisoning; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Darch, President of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois do hereby proclaim October 21 - 27, 2012 as Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in the Village of Barrington and encourage all of our residents to work together to combat the threat of lead poisoning.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2012

Karen Darch
Village President

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October 15, 2012

Dear Municipal Official,

I am writing to request that your municipality adopt the attached proclamation naming October 21 – 27, 2012 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

Lead poisoning is a significant health problem for young children in suburban Cook County, and is the most preventable pediatric health problem in the United States. Illinois continues to be one of the states in the nation with the greatest numbers of lead-poisoned children. The Cook County Department of Public Health is working across our jurisdiction to help raise awareness of lead poisoning. Lead Poisoning Prevention Week represents a great opportunity to bring messages about the risks of lead poisoning to all residents.

Enclosed is a sample proclamation your city council or village board can use to name October 21 – 27, 2012 Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in your community.

Knowledge of lead poisoning is important for your residents because:

- *Any residential or commercial unit frequented by young children in your municipality that was built before 1978 could represent a risk, as lead was a component in house paint until that year.*
- *Renovations to pre-1978 units could disturb lead-based paint and create a risk for young children.*
- *Even in low amounts, lead poisoning can cause irreversible brain damage, shortened attention span, hyperactivity, aggressive behavior, learning disabilities, and other developmental problems for children.*

Please contact us if you plan to adopt the proclamation in your town so that we can highlight your municipality in our suburban Cook County Lead Poisoning Prevention Week outreach.

Additionally, please contact us if we can provide any further information on the effects of lead poisoning, or if you would like statistics on lead poisoning that summarize the risk in your community. Contact us at 708-633-8054 or ddurica@cookcountyhhs.org for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Martell".

Sandra Martell, RN, MS, DNP
Interim Chief Operating Officer

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