PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Alden will be conducting a study of the sanitary sewer system in your area during the next few weeks. This study will involve the opening of manholes in streets and easements. An important task of the study will be the **SMOKE TESTING** of sewer lines to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. .

DURING TESTING, YOU MAY SEE SMOKE COMING FROM THE VENT STACKS ON HOUSES, OCCASIONALLY FROM HOUSE ROOF LEADERS AND STREET STORM WATER RECIEVERS. The smoke that you may see is **NON-TOXIC, NOT HARMFUL TO PETS AND CREATES NO FIRE HAZARD.** The smoke has a slight odor and can be a mild irritant to people with respiratory problems.

Under normal conditions, smoke will not enter your home. **POSSIBLE REASONS SMOKE MAY ENTER YOUR HOME INCLUDE:**

- Defective Plumbing
- Seldom-Used (Dry) Drains, typically in basement floors or bathrooms that are located in basements.

To prevent smoke from entering your home, pour water into seldom used drains such as laundry tubs, showers or bathroom fixtures. If smoke should enter your building, you should consult your licensed plumber because if smoke is entering through faulty plumbing, there is a potential for sewer gas to enter your home as well.

If smoke enters your home, you should ventilate the area and contact a member of the smoke testing crew working in the area. They will be pleased to advise you as to where and why the smoke has entered your home. If you see smoke and are not certain of the source of observed smoke, you should call 911.

Some sewer lines and manholes are located in easements through private property. Whenever these lines are inspected, members of the inspection crews will be working in the easements. However, homeowners do not need to be home and the workmen will not need to enter their homes. The inspection crews will be photographing any defects detected. We anticipate the smoke testing will require approximately 1-2 weeks to complete. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. The information gained from this study will be used to make corrections to the sewer system. Work area signs will be posted notifying motorists and pedestrians that smoke testing is being performed in the area.

If you have any questions that were not covered in this notice, please contact Edward Bradfuhrer, Project Representative for GHD, at 716-242-6925.