



Gates Mills Fire Department

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Summer means it's time for the:

FIRE HYDRANT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM!!!

Every year, the fire department must test the fire hydrants for proper operation. All 709 fire hydrants must be flushed (which means opening the hydrant to flow water) and then all three hose connections are lubricated. This continued maintenance of the water system is required to assure that if needed, there will be sufficient water to fight fires. This program also helps keep fire insurance rates down.

Fire hydrants will be flushed throughout the summer Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Often, the increased amount of water moving through the pipes will disturb sediments such as dirt, small stones and rust making the water look dirty or cloudy. If this happens the best way to clear it up is to run your water until it returns to normal.

Once the flushing and lubrication is completed, fire hydrants that need to be repainted will get a fresh coat of green paint and a new reflective band.

Please be watchful of our firefighters as they work along the roadways in the Village. Fire department vehicles, personnel and equipment will be in close proximity to moving traffic during this time. **SLOW DOWN** to keep them safe!

Thank you for your support of this critical program.

On a separate SAFETY note: as I drive through the Village, I've noticed a number of residences that have difficult to read or even missing address numbers at the street. Please mark BOTH sides of your mailboxes or signs with easy to read (large) numbers. This way, responders from the Safety Forces will be able to quickly identify your location in the event of an emergency.

Thanks and have a great summer!

Until the next Pink Sheet...

Chief Robinson