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**Invitation to an
OPEN HOUSE - Smoke Testing Sewers
CITY OF GREENWOOD**

When: August 6, 2015, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Presentations at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 PM

Where: Greenwood City Hall - 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, MN 55331

Who: Residents In Areas Where Smoke Testing Will Be Performed

Subject: Sanitary Sewer Infiltration and Inflow Smoke Testing

The open house will inform and engage residents in the areas planned for smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system.

Smoke testing will be performed to locate connections to the system that could be contributing surface or ground water also known as clean water. Clean water in the sanitary sewer system is charged the same rate as sewage, even though no treatment is necessary and is subject to additional charges if the amount is high like it is in Greenwood.

During the testing, smoke should appear at each manhole in the system and at each vent stack (on the roof) of each house. This is an indication of a good condition. Smoke may also appear in rooms of the house, around the perimeter of the house and in open areas near the sewer lines. These are all indications of potential sources of clean water and potential sewer problems. To prevent smoke in your house, be sure to pour water in all floor drains. This water will seal the drain from the sewer and should be done every month or two.

The smoke used in this process is non-toxic and non-harmful, but it can be a minor irritant. At the open house we will be performing a short presentation on the process, on the hour, and playing videos showing examples of smoke testing as well as answering questions and fielding input from residents.

The yellow areas on the map to the left are where smoke testing is currently planned to be performed. The schedule to perform the smoke testing is currently planned for August 18-21.

Notices will be hung on doors in the days preceding the smoke testing to provide additional notice.

If you cannot attend the open house or you have questions or concerns, please contact Brian Simmons with Bolton & Menk Inc. at 952.448.8838 or email me at briansi@bolton-menk.com.

