



*City of Fort Myers*  
*Saeed Kazemi, P.E.*  
*City Manager*

December 21, 2017 City of Palms

Dear Resident,

As you are aware, the City began working with GFA International, nationally known experts in the fields of geology and engineering, to assess the lime sludge at the South Street property. Over the past three months, these professionals have tested the existing monitoring wells, installed new monitoring wells, and have been testing both the groundwater and the soil on and around the site. We are confident that once the data is fully gathered and all samples are analyzed, the experts will explain to the City what the results mean to our citizens. Once this part of the scientific process is complete, the City will hold a public meeting to present the results of the testing and further explain what the results mean to you.

**Water Quality**

Your drinking water is supplied to your neighborhood (see attached map from LCU), known as City View Park, by Lee County Utilities (LCU). We want to assure you that Lee County has assessed your drinking water, and it meets the standards for potable drinking water, as with any other neighborhood that LCU services. You can view LCU's annual Consumer Confidence Report online at [www.leewaterquality.com](http://www.leewaterquality.com).

**Well testing**

In addition to testing at the 3348 South Street site, the City would like to test wells in the surrounding area. Some residents may have irrigation wells, and other residents may still be using wells for drinking water despite the availability of a public water supply.

If you live in the area bounded by Franklin Street on the north to Canal Street on the south and from Ford Street on the west to Veronica S. Shoemaker Blvd. on the east, the City seeks permission to test your well. We need your written permission for testing on your property. GFA International will test your irrigation well and the Department of Health will test your drinking well. We will schedule a convenient time to collect a well sample. To request testing of your well, or for more information on the testing procedure, please contact Richard Thompson at (239) 321-7630 or email [rthompson@cityftmyers.com](mailto:rthompson@cityftmyers.com).

**Communication**

The City will provide you with updated information about the South Street testing as it becomes available. In January, the City will hold a public meeting where the project team will present and explain the South Street testing results. You will also be able to ask questions of the experts and the project team, to receive answers to your questions on the process to date. Please watch your mail for an upcoming notice about the public meeting.

You can continue to find weekly updates about the project on the City's website at [www.CityFtMyers.com](http://www.CityFtMyers.com). In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns regarding the South Street Project, please call the City at (239) 321-7630 or email [rthompson@cityftmyers.com](mailto:rthompson@cityftmyers.com).

The City asks for your continued patience as we work through this scientific process to determine the condition of the site and take necessary action.

Sincerely,

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