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"I’m so sad and angry and disappointed about this," said Tricia Krause, who moved to Crestwood in 1987 and gave birth to three children while living there for nearly nine years. "There is no excuse for what they did to all of us." It is unclear if the water contamination is the same health problems in Crestwood, including the cancer that struck Krause’s son, Matthew, now 19 and healthy. State officials haven’t tried to answer that difficult question but say the risks were minimal because the well water was heavily diluted with treated lake water. However, it generally isn’t acceptable to rely on dilution to ensure water is safe to drink. One of her numerous public-records requests turned up a report outlining some of what the EPA knew about the contaminated well, and the prodded state investigators to dig deeper into the case. The Neighbors discovered more details through interviews and public records requests.

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Like every town across the nation, south suburban Crestwood tacks a notice into utility bills each summer reminding residents the drinking water is safe. Village leaders also trumpet the change in their monthly newsletter, while boasting they offer the cheapest water rates in Cook County. But those pronouncements hide a troubling reality: For more than two decades, the 11,000 or so residents in this working-class community unknowingly drank tap water contaminated with toxic chemicals linked to cancer and other health problems, a Newspaper investigation found.

As village officials were building a national reputation for pinching pennies, and sending out fliers touting a strip mall less than 300 feet from the contaminated well, apparently to “Good to taste but not to waste!,” they offered the cheapest water rates in Cook County.

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