**Poison in the Well**

Crestwood officials cut corners and supplied residents with tainted water for 2 decades

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Like every town across the nation, south suburban Crestwood bakes a nice into utility bills such summer reassuring residents their drinking water is safe.

Village leaders also trumpet the claim 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 proclamers trumpeting Crestwood water was “Good to taste but not to waste!”, state and village records obtained by the newspaper show they secretly were drawing water from a contaminated well, apparently to save money.

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