

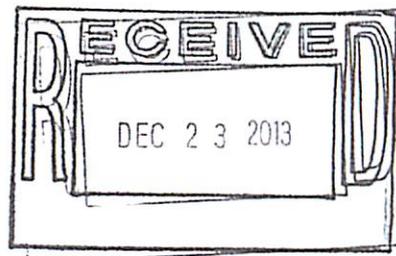
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Tom S. Ramsey  
Mayor  
City of Spring Valley Village  
1025 Campbell Road  
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Dear Mr. Ramsey:

The Texas Department of State Health Services is pleased to announce that the City of Spring Valley Village has been awarded a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This award recognizes those communities in Texas that maintained a consistent level of optimally fluoridated water throughout 2012. This award was based on your submittal of the monthly fluoridation reports to the Texas Fluoridation Project.

For 2012, a total of 1663 public water systems in 32 states received these awards, including 32 public water systems in Texas.

Community water fluoridation has been recognized by CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th Century. Fluoridating a community's water supplies is one of the most effective public health measures to prevent tooth decay. CDC recommends water fluoridation as a safe, effective, and inexpensive method of preventing decay; every \$1 invested in fluoridation saves approximately \$38 in costs for dental treatment. In addition, studies have shown that tooth decay is prevented among all age groups, not just children.

In 2001, the U.S. Task Force on Community Preventive Services recommended that communities either adopt or maintain fluoridation of public drinking water supplies, and the past 5 U.S. Surgeons General have recommended community water fluoridation as a safe, healthy, and effective public health intervention. Currently, nearly three-quarters (73.9 percent) of the United States population or 204 million people, and 79.6 percent of the Texas population served by community water systems have access to optimally fluoridated tap water for preventing tooth decay.

The Texas Fluoridation Project congratulates you on your outstanding performance. Your continued support of fluoridation is appreciated. Enclosed is a press release you may use to recognize your accomplishments. If you have any questions, please contact the Texas Fluoridation Project at 512.776.7349.

Thank you,

Angela Kennedy, P.E.  
Fluoridation Engineer  
Texas Fluoridation Project  
Enclosure(s)

The Texas Department of State Health Services announced today that the City of Spring Valley Village has been awarded a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in drinking water to a level that is effective for preventing tooth decay. The award recognizes those communities that achieved excellence in community water fluoridation by maintaining a consistent level of fluoridated water throughout 2012.

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“Community water fluoridation is one of the most effective ways that communities can use to prevent tooth decay in children and adults,” stated Dr. Katherine Weno, DDS, JD, director, CDC Division of Oral Health. “Our current research shows that people living in fluoridated communities have about 25% fewer cavities over their lifetime.”

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The mission of the Texas Department of State Health Services is to improve the health and well-being in Texas. The mission of the Texas Fluoridation Project is to improve the health of Texas by preventing tooth decay by promoting community water fluoridation and assisting communities in the installation, monitoring, and maintenance of water fluoridation systems.



2012

Water Fluoridation Quality Award  
SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE  
State of Texas

*The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention commends this water system for its consistent and professional adjustment of the water fluoride content to the optimum level for oral health for 12 consistent months. Consistent, high-quality water fluoridation practice, as demonstrated by this water system, is a safe and effective method to prevent tooth decay, improving the oral health of community residents of all ages.*

Presented by the  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
United States Department of Health & Human Services

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. J. DeLeon", is written over a horizontal line.

National Fluoridation Engineer, Division of Oral Health  
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention  
and Health Promotion

