

## Shared Well Information

Are You Considering Re-financing or Buying a New Home?

Some board members have received inquiries from homeowners, realtors, and even mortgage companies asking for "Shared Well Agreements", or "Joint Use and Maintenance Agreement for Shared Wells", or "what are the nitrate and chloroform levels in your water?" Previously, for questions about a well agreement, individuals were told that our subdivision did not have such an agreement; however, our covenants mention that the subdivision has a commitment to a water source. We have since learned that a "Shared Well Agreement" language does not apply to our subdivision. Although we are on a well system, we are treated much like a municipality (i.e. Normal or Bloomington), but on a smaller scale. Fluoride and chlorine are added, monitored and samples are submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as required by law.

Shared Well Agreements are between a few homeowners (2-10) that share a well, but are not subjected to strict testing or reporting guidelines. Examples of homeowners falling into this category would be people who live in the Lamplighter subdivision. Also, if the mortgage company desires specific information about water quality and sample levels, please refer them to the following web site: <https://water.epa.state.il.us/dww/index.jsp> Click on Drinking Water Watch and enter Water System Number, IL1135250. There is much information about our water on this site.

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