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Hello,

What is going on with the annual backflow certification test?

In Meadow Place Estates, about half of us are on our second year of paying up to \$100 for the annual, backflow certification test, while the other half of our neighbors have never received a backflow certification test notice from BSI — and don't have any idea what one is.

In addition, no one in our neighborhood can find anyone in any other Willow Park neighborhood who is being required to pay for an annual backflow certification test.

When I asked a Willow Park city employee why the city wasn't charging all residents for the annual, backflow certification test, I received the following email reply, "... As for your other question of why it is taking so long to get letters to everyone, it is simple that I am one person with a lot on my plate. Unfortunately, my predecessor did not manage the program effectively and multiple residents went without checking the backflow annually. I am working to get these addresses back into the system. And unfortunately, it has taken me more than a year to get it going..."

And to add insult to injury, I just received an email from BSI indicating "As of 6/30 we no longer manage Willow Park." So all our neighborhood efforts to band together to get bulk discounts for the annual backflow certification test seem to have been wasted.

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I am requesting the city stop sending letters requiring a backflow certification test until ALL Willow Park residents, whose property requires an annual backflow certification test, are receiving the same letter annually. This financial requirement should be applied equitably to ALL residents, whose property requires an annual backflow certification test, or not at all. The current annual backflow certification process strongly implies selectivism.

In addition, I am requesting you refund the amount I have already paid for annual backflow certifications tests. I will be glad to provide copies of the checks used to pay for backflow certifications tests.

And I am suggesting to all the other residents of Meadow Place Estates who have already paid for annual backflow certification tests to make the same request for refunds.

I look forward to your reply,  
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