

## **Neighbors give sewers a break**

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### **Abstract:**

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### **Full Text:**

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A group of volunteers in Highland Park's Ravinia neighborhood have a message for people who throw garbage into storm sewers: Stop it.

Using spray paint and stencils, volunteers--including 5-year-olds and Brownie troops--have started painting the pavement near drains to say: "Dump No Waste; Drains to Lake Michigan" and "Dump No Waste; Drains to Chicago River."

The stencils are in the shape of blackstriped top minnows, mosquito-eaters that thrive in the Chicago River, and lake trout, a fish indigenous to the lake.

**Peggy Laemle, secretary of the Ravinia Neighbors Association**, organized the project after hearing of people using the sewers as trash bins.

INFORMATION: To volunteer, call 847-432-7476.