



The old (above), the new (below)

That Landmark Water Tower Will Soon Be Just A Historic Memory

That familiar landmark towering into the sky behind Princeton Junior High School north of Sharon Avenue and west of Chester Road in Glendale will soon be disappearing.

Glendale village officials on Aug. 21 will open bids for a contract to tear down and demolish the water storage tower that served the village from 1928 until last September, when a new \$569,000 water tower with twice the capacity went into service on the opposite end of town.

That 200,000-gallon, obsolete old tower cost only \$40,000 to build 67 years ago, according to Village Administrator Walter Cordes. The cost for demolition is expected to be about \$35,000.

Village officials are currently advertising for bids on the demolition contract. One of the speci-

fication is that the project be complete no later than Oct. 31 of this year.

The new 400,000-gallon water tower is located between of Summit Park and Springfield Pike on the southwest edge of the village. Part of a 10-year, \$2.2-million rehabilitation of Glendale's water supply system, it increased the average pressure in the water mains by 20 to 23 pounds per square inch up to about 60.

This was considered essential to maintaining adequate pressure throughout the village for fire-fighting purposes as well as home use during the peak demand times of summertime.

A month after the new tower was put into service, the Glendale Village Council lifted a five-year moratorium on the installation of in-ground, automatic lawn

sprinkling systems, but restricted their use to the off-peak hours of 2 to 5 a.m.

Nevertheless, demand has run so high during the recent run of 80 and 90-degree weather — over 700,000 gallons per day compared to a normal usage of 350,000 to 375,000 per day — that water stored in the new tower has sometimes been depleted.

Village officials attribute the high demand to use of in-ground water sprinklers during high-use times, and are urging residents with such sprinkler systems to observe the 2 to 5 a.m. limitation.

Planning and construction of the new tower took about three years. Its location was the topic of a lengthy controversy. Village officials changed original plans to locate it in Washington Park after nearby residents objected.