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Dear Neighbors,

As you are likely aware, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has notified Village officials that the temporary filtration system operating on the Village's water treatment plant is effectively reducing PFOA to safe levels. NYSDOH has lifted the "no-drink" advisory and determined that Village residents "may use the water for any and all uses, including drinking and cooking."

The free bottled water program will continue to be available at Tops Friendly Market on Route 22 as long as the temporary filtration system is operating. Anyone needing assistance with water deliveries should contact the Village clerk at 686-7072 between 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

During the construction phase of the new filtration system, municipal water users were asked by NYSDOH to run water through household pipes to flush the system. Several residents raised concerns about the cost of these activities. We brought these concerns to New York State officials who have since announced that a six-month rebate will be provided to all water users — a Village-wide total of approximately \$240,000. New York State is seeking reimbursement of these costs from Saint-Gobain and Honeywell. When the funds are provided to the Village, we will pass along these rebates to water users, most likely in the form of reimbursement checks. If you are a tenant who pays your landlord for water, or if you are a landlord who is reimbursed for water costs by your tenant(s), please call the Village clerk to make arrangements for the reimbursement.

The temporary system will continue to operate until a full capacity system is installed. The design of this full capacity system was recently approved by NYSDOH, and we are now purchasing equipment and related items. We expect the full capacity system to be installed and operating this fall.

NYSDOH is assessing how to address pools and hot tubs that were filled with untreated water (e.g., water from the municipal supply before the temporary treatment system was effectively operating.) As NYSDOH performs its assessment, NYSDOH has asked the Village to create an inventory of pools or hot tubs filled with untreated water. If you have such a pool or hot tub, please contact the Village Clerk's office or complete the online form available on the municipal website.

If you are a property owner that rents your property to a tenant, we respectfully request that you make this information available to your tenant(s). If you prefer, tenants can be added to the municipal mailing list to receive updates such as this directly. Please call the Village clerk's office to request being placed on the Village mailing list.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your patience as we've worked through the many issues that have arisen as a result of the PFOA contamination in our community. Now that NYSDOH has determined the municipal water supply is safe to drink, we turn our attention to the state's investigation of the source or sources of PFOA in our community. We will continue to work with state agencies, along with state and federal elected officials and local residents, as these sources are identified. Our goal is to rigorously pursue a thorough cleanup of all areas where PFOA has been detected. We'll also continue holding Saint-Gobain's and Honeywell's feet to the fire to ensure local residents do not pay to address a pollution problem they didn't cause.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions that you'd like us to know, please don't hesitate to call the Village clerk's office. We want to hear from you.

Sincerely,

David Borge
Mayor