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Dear Neighbors:

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your recent patience when an incident at the Water Treatment Plant required the Village Board to institute temporary water restrictions for a few days. That situation is now resolved, and the water restrictions have been removed.

The incident occurred as workers were preparing the facility for installation of a Full Capacity Granular Activated Carbon (or "GAC") treatment system. A temporary GAC system is currently operating at the facility and, according to the New York State Department of Health, is effectively reducing PFOA to non-detect levels. The Full Capacity system will be able to treat the full volume of water used by local residents and businesses at all times.

The equipment for a Full Capacity system has been ordered and contractors have been selected. Site preparation has commenced while the carbon filters and associated equipment are being manufactured. Our engineers have updated the construction schedule and now estimate installation of the Full Capacity system will be completed before the end of December. All equipment, installation and maintenance costs will be paid by Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics and Honeywell International. Free bottled water will continue to be available for Hoosick Falls residents at Top's Market, until the Full Capacity system is installed and operating effectively.

Village officials, along with officials from the Town of Hoosick, are evaluating extending municipal water and sanitary sewer lines along Route 22 and other areas in close proximity in order to provide treated municipal water to areas that are or may become contaminated with PFOA. Our engineers have assured Town and Village officials that the existing water treatment plant is capable of sufficiently supplying these areas with treated municipal water. At the Village's July board meeting, the Village Board passed a resolution authorizing our engineers to evaluate the technical feasibility of extending the water and sewer lines. New York State officials are funding the study, at a cost of \$46,000. Should we determine that it is feasible to extend the water and sewer lines to these new areas, the Town and Village will seek funding for any construction from the state Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Separately, we understand that Honeywell and Saint-Gobain have begun investigations on and around their facilities, with oversight from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC"). During these investigations, company representatives will be contacting residents for permission to collect groundwater, soil or other samples from their property.

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If you receive a request, we respectfully ask that you cooperate and provide the requested access to your property. This will better inform the overall investigative work and potentially help identify the source(s) of PFOA in our community so they can be thoroughly cleaned and restored as quickly as possible. The companies also are preparing community participation work plans that must be approved by NYSDEC before any work on private property is performed. We'll review the plans closely to ensure residents have every opportunity to participate in the regulatory process. We will also post these plans on the Village website when they are available so you can review them as well.

NYSDEC continues its own investigation of potential PFOA sources in our community. According to the Department, preliminary data indicate there are multiple sources contributing to PFOA contamination in the area, including the Village's closed municipal solid waste landfill on Walnut Street. NYSDEC's sampling has detected elevated levels of PFOA at the site, although the elevated levels are not impacting the municipal drinking water supply. NYSDEC has provided the Village with the available sampling results which have been posted on the Village website. We will continue to keep you apprised as NYSDEC's investigations continue.

Finally, you may know that the New York State Assembly and Senate will be holding hearings to review the events that occurred during the water crisis. These hearings may help state and federal agencies develop procedures for local communities to follow should they identify contamination in their community — like we did with PFOA. We encourage residents to attend and provide testimony. Information about the dates and times of hearings, and the registration process, will be posted on the Village website as it becomes available.

Please don't hesitate to contact one of us if you have questions or information that you'd like to share.

Sincerely,

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