# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2019 Town of Warwick – Eurich Heights Water District Warwick, NY Public Water Supply ID# 3505664

### INTRODUCTION

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In general, the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves 130 people through 43 service connections. Our water source is three groundwater wells, two located on High Hill Road and one located on Rte. 94. The water is treated with an orthopolyphosphate for sequestering iron and manganese and is chlorinated prior to distribution.

The NYS DOH has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The state source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each source of contamination and how easily contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water, it does not mean that the water delivered to the consumer is, or will become contaminated. See "Table of Detected Contaminants" for a list of the contaminants that have been detected. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future.

As mentioned before, our water is derived from three drilled wells. The source water assessment has rated these wells as having a medium susceptibility to microbials. These ratings are due primarily to the close proximity of the low-level residential activity, the pasture and the septic system that are located in the assessment area. In addition, the wells draw from a confined aquifer with the estimated recharge

area within the selected time of travel and the overlying soils may not provide adequate protection from potential contamination. While the source water assessment rates our well as being susceptible to microbials, please note that our water is disinfected to ensure that the finished water delivered into your home meets New York State's drinking water standards for microbial contamination. A copy of the assessment, including a map of the assessment area, can be obtained by contacting us, as noted in the report.

# ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include: total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, radiological and synthetic organic compounds. The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or the Orange County Health Department at (845) 291-2331.

Table of Detected Contaminants											
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measure -ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination				
Inorganic Contaminants											
Iron	No	1 QTR 2 QTR 3 QTR 4 QTR	0.0336 0.049 0.0383 <0.0102	Mg/l	N/a	0.3 Mg/l	Naturally occurring				
Manganese	No	1 QTR 2 QTR 3 QTR 4 QTR	0.0023 0.0028 0.0028 0.0020	Mg/l	N/a	0.3 Mg/l	Naturally occurring				
Barium	No	8/21/19	0.0259	Mg/l	2	2	Erosion of natural deposits				
Copper	No	8/22/18	.062 (1) .0119 - .0679	Mg/l	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of galvanized pipes				
Nickel	No	8/21/19	0.8	ug/l	100	MCL = 100	Naturally occurring				
Nitrate	No	4/17/19	0.682	Mg/l	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use				
Sodium	No	6/12/19	28	Mg/l	N/a	* * (See health effects below)	Naturally occurring				
Chloride	No	9/13	37.3	Mg/l	N/a	250	Naturally occurring				

Organic Contaminants						_	
ТНМ	No	8/8/18	5.3	Ug/l	N/A	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Five Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	No	8/1/18	1.1	Ug/l	N/A	MCL= 60	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection needed to kill harmful organisms

### **Definitions:**

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<u>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)</u>: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

<u>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)</u>: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

<u>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)</u>: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

<u>Action Level (AL)</u>: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Non-Detects (ND): Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

<u>Milligrams per liter (mg/l)</u>: Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).

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*Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)*: A measure of the radioactivity in water.

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# IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During 2019, our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

<sup>1-</sup>A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, 5 samples were collected, at your water system and the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value was .062mg/l. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Water containing more than 20 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on moderately restricted sodium diets.

### DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

### WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT?

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life;
- Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and
- Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential fire fighting needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:

- Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So get a run for your money and load it to capacity.
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
- Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

### **CLOSING**

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office if you have questions.

# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2019 T/O Warwick – Bellvale Water District Warwick, NY Public Water Supply ID# 3503602

### INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, Bellvale Water District, will be annually issuing a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

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Our water system serves 100 people through 25 service connections. Our water source is two groundwater wells, located on the west end of Miriam Drive. The water is chlorinated prior to distribution.

The NYS DOH has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The state source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how easily contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water, it does not mean that the water delivered to the consumer is, or will become contaminated. See "Table of Detected Contaminants" for a list of the contaminants that have been detected. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future.

As mentioned before, our water is derived from two drilled wells. The source water assessment has rated these wells as having a medium susceptibility to microbials and nitrates. These ratings are due primarily to the close proximity of a SPDES permitted discharge facility (industrial/commercial facilities that discharge wastewater into the environment and are regulated by the state and/or federal government) and the septic systems that are located in the assessment area. In addition, the wells draw from a confined aquifer with the estimated recharge area within the selected time of travel and the overlying soils may not provide adequate protection from potential contamination. While the source

water assessment rates our wells as being susceptible to microbials, please note that our water is disinfected to ensure that the finished water delivered into your home meets New York State's drinking water standards for microbial contamination. A copy of the assessment, including a map of the assessment area, can be obtained by contacting us, as noted in this report.

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Fluoride	No	8/21/19	0.5	Mg/l	N/a	2.2	Erosion of natural deposits				
Lead	No	9/7/17	1.71 (2) ND - 2.37	Ug/l	0	AL=15	Corrosion of Household systems				
Copper	No	9/13/17	0.146 (1) .00217- .189	Mg/l	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of galvanized pipes				
Nickel	No	8/21/19	1.1	Mg/l	100	100	Naturally occurring				
Nitrate	No	4/17/19	0.727	Mg/l	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use				
Sodium	No	6/12/19	38.3	Mg/l	N/A	** (see health effects below)	Naturally occurring				
ТНМ	NO	8/8/18	4.7	Ug/l	. N/A	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection				

Radioactive Cont	Radioactive Contaminants								
Uranium	No	1 QTR 2 QTR 3 QTR 4 QTR	15.7 15.3 15.5 16.5	pCi/l	0	MCL = 20	Erosions of natural deposits		
Net Alpha (3)	No	2019	5.45 <sup>4</sup> Range ND – 8.53	pCi/l	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits		

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- 2 The level presented represents the  $90^{th}$  percentile of the 5 samples collected. The action level for Lead was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.
- \*\* Water containing more than 20 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on moderately restricted sodium diets.
- 3 Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Our Net Alpha reading is calculated by taking the lab results from Gross Alpha and subtracting off the Uranium value. Compliance is determined by calculating Running Annual Average.
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### INFORMATION ON RADON

Radon is a naturally-occurring radioactive gas found in soil and outdoor air that may also be found in drinking water and indoor air. Some people exposed to elevated radon levels over many years in drinking water may have an increased risk of getting cancer. The main risk is lung cancer from radon entering indoor air from soil under homes.

In 2019, we collected four representative water samples (one per quarter) that were analyzed for radon. The average of the four samples was 5275 picocuries/liter (pCi/l)). For additional information call your state radon program (1-800-458-1158) or call EPA's Radon Hotline (1-800-SOS-Radon).

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## INTRODUCTION

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Our water system serves approximately 140 people through approximately 25 service connections. Our water source is two groundwater wells, located off of Kay Road. The water is chlorinated prior to distribution.

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norganic Contaminants												
Barium	No	8/30/17	0.12	mg/l	2	MCL=2	Erosion of natural deposits					
Chloride	Yes	2/6/19 5/1/19 7/10/19 10/2/19	353 268 280 265	mg/l	N/a	MCL=250	Naturally occurring					
Copper	No	8/22/18	0.218 <sup>2</sup> (0.0723 - 0.220)	mg/l	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems					
lron (4)	Yes	8/21/19 9/18/19 9/18/19 10/16/19 11/26/19 12/30/19	0.247 0.126 0.0652 <0.278 0.361 0.381	mg/l	0.3	N/a	Naturally occurring.					
Lead	No	8/22/18	3.11 <sup>3</sup> (ND – 3.81)	ug/l	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems					
Manganese	No	8/21/19 9/18/19 9/18/19 10/16/19 11/26/19 12/30/19	0.0907 0.0624 0.0284 0.0602 0.169 0.184									
Nickel	No	8/30/17	2.1	ug/l	100	MCL = 100	Erosion of natural deposits					
Nitrate	No	4/17/19	1.83	mg/l	10	MCL=10	Runoff from fertilizer use					
Sodium	No	6/12/19	176	mg/l	N/a	* See health effects below	Naturally occurring					
Disinfection Byprodu	icts											
Total Trihalo- methanes (TTHM)	No	8/7/19	10.07	ug/l	N/a	MCL=80	By-product of drinking water chlorination					
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	No	8/7/19	2.8	ug/l	N/a	MCL=60	By-product of drinking water chlorination					
Radioactive Contamin	nants											
Uranium	No	12/19/16	1.865	ug/l	0	MCL=30	Erosion of natural deposits.					

### Notes:

- 1 All repeat samples were negative for coliform; therefore, this positive sample was not confirmed.
- 2 The level presented represents the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of the 5 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, 5 samples were collected at your water system and the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value was the average of the 2 highest values. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.
- 3 The level presented represents the  $90^{th}$  percentile of the 5 samples collected. The action level for lead was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.

- 4 Iron is essential for maintaining good health. However, too much iron can cause adverse health effects. Drinking water with very large amounts of iron can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation and stomach pain. These effects usually diminish once the elevated iron exposure is stopped. A small number of people have a condition called hemochromatosis, in which the body absorbs and stores too much iron. People with hemochromatosis may be at greater risk for health effects resulting from too much iron in the body (sometimes called "iron overload") and should be aware of their overall iron intake. The New York State standard for iron in drinking water is 0.3 milligrams per liter, and is based on iron's effects on the taste, odor and color of the water.
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*Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)*: A measure of the radioactivity in water.

<u>Treatment Technique (TT)</u>: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

# WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

The table shows that our system uncovered some problems this year. We exceeded the chloride MCL during the first, second, third and fourth quarter of 2019. There are no potential adverse health effects associated with chlorides. The MCL for chloride is the level above which the taste of the water may become objectionable. In addition to the adverse taste effects, high chloride concentration levels in the water contribute to the deterioration of domestic plumbing and water heaters. Elevated chloride concentrations may also be associated with the presence of sodium in drinking water.

Chloride is essential for maintaining good health. Research has not conclusively demonstrated that human exposure to chloride itself causes adverse health effects, although exposure to high levels of certain chloride salts has been associated with adverse health effects in humans. For example, high dietary intake of sodium chloride can be a contributing factor to high blood pressure, but this has been attributed mainly to the presence of sodium. The New York State standard for chloride is 250 milligrams per liter, and is based on chloride's effects on the taste and odor of the water.

We are required to present the following information on lead in drinking water: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants, and young children. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of

materials used in your home's plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead">http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead</a>.

# IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During 2019, our system was in compliance with all other applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

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### **CLOSING**

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# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2019 Town of Warwick – Wickham Village Water District Warwick, NY Public Water Supply ID# 3505663

### INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, Wickham Village Water District, will be annually issuing a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Last year, your tap water met all State drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system did not violate a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact the water Department, at (845) 986-0630. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled board. The meetings are held at 7:30 PM, at the town hall at 132 Kings Highway. Please call (845) 986-1124 ext. 247 for meeting dates.

### WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

In general, the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves 1147 people through 327 service connections. Our water source is four groundwater wells, three are inactive one active. One is located inside the pump house on Wickham Drive, the second one is located at the south end of Shepard Road, the third well is located at Wickham Lake and the fourth well is located behind the Wickham Drive pump house. one well located at Wickham Lake goes through cartridge filters to remove sediment. The water is treated with caustic soda for PH adjustment, an orthophosphate for corrosion control and chlorinated prior to distribution.

The NYS DOH has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The state source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how easily contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water, it does not mean that the water delivered to consumers is, or will become contaminated. See "Table of Detected Contaminants" for a list of the contaminants that have been detected. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future.

As mentioned before, our water is derived from four drilled wells, three inactive one active. The source water assessment has rated these wells as having a medium to medium-high susceptibility to microbials, nitrates, industrial solvents, and other industrial contaminants. These ratings are due primarily to the close proximity of a SPDES permitted discharge facility (industrial/commercial facilities that discharge

wastewater into the environment and are regulated by the state and/or federal government), the low-level residential activity and the waste site that are located in the assessment area. In addition, the wells draw from an unconfined aquifer of unknown hydraulic conductivity and a confined aquifer with the estimated recharge area within the selected time of travel and the overlying soils are not known to provide adequate protection from potential contamination. While the source water assessment rates our wells as being susceptible to microbials, please note that our water is disinfected to ensure that the finished water delivered into your home meets New York State's drinking water standards for microbial contamination. A copy of the assessment, including a map of the assessment area, can be obtained by contacting us, as noted in the report.

### ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include: total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, radiological and synthetic organic compounds. The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791) or the Orange County Health Department at (845) 291-2331.

Table of Detected Contaminants											
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measure -ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination				
Inorganic Contaminants											
Copper	No	8/7/19	0.407 (2) Range 0.0227- 0.573	Mg/l	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing				
Barium	No	8/21/19	0.0075	Mg/l	2.0	2.0	Erosion of natural deposits				
Sodium	No	6/12/19	54.3	Mg/l	N/ɛ	* * (See health effects below)	Naturally occurring				
Nickel	No	8/21/19	0.8	ug/l	100	MCL = 100	Naturally occurring				
Nitrate	No	4/17/19	1.47	Mg/l	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use				
ТНМ	No	2019	Avg = 5.725(1) Range = 3.7 - 9.4	Ug/l	N/a	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination				
НАА	No	2019	Avg = 2.45(1) Range = 1.2 - 3.4	Ug/l	N/a	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination				

#### Notes:

1- This level represents the annual quarterly average calculated from data collected.

2 – The level presented represents the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of the 10 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, 10 samples were collected at your water system and the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value was 0.407 mg/l. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites.

\*\* Water containing more than 20 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on moderately restricted sodium diets.

#### **Definitions:**

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<u>Action Level (AL)</u>: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

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<u>Picograms per liter (pg/l)</u>: Corresponds to one part per of liquid to one quadrillion parts of liquid (parts per quadrillion – ppq).

### WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State.

# IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

During 2019, our system was in violation for failure to collect Distribution system Water Quality Parameters (WQP's) for both the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2019. Since that time our system has completed the necessary testing and parameters have been within the expected range.

### DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

### WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT?

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### **CLOSING**

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# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2019 Town of Warwick – Westside #1 Water District Jersey Avenue, Warwick, NY 10990 Public Water Supply ID# 3503566

### INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, Westside #1 Water District, will be annually issuing a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact the Water Department, at (845) 986-0630. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled board meetings. The meetings are held 7:30 PM at the town hall at 132 Kings Highway. Please call (845) 986-1124 ext 247 for meeting dates.

### WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

In general, the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves 1700 people during the summer and 550 people in the winter months through 500 service connections. Our water source is two groundwater wells and an infiltration gallery. The infiltration gallery is automatically activated when the storage tank drops below three feet. This typically occurs during peak summer use. All sources are chlorinated prior to entering the distribution system and treated with orthopolyphosphate for corrosion control.

The NYS DOH has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The state source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based on the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how easily contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water, it does not mean that the water delivered to the consumers is, or will become contaminated. See "Table of Detected Contaminants" for a list of the contaminants that have been detected. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source waters into the future. As mentioned before, our water is derived from two drilled wells. The source water assessment has rated these wells as having a medium-high to high susceptibility to microbials and nitrates. These ratings are due primarily to the close proximity of the low-level residential activity and the septic system that

are located in the assessment area. In addition, the wells draw from an unconfined aquifer of unknown hydraulic conductivity and the overlying soils are not known to provide adequate protection from potential contamination. While the source water assessment rates our wells as being susceptible to microbials, please note that our water is disinfected to ensure that the finished water delivered to your home meets New York State's drinking water standards for microbial contamination. A copy of the assessment, including a map of the assessment area can be obtained by contacting us, as noted in the report.

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Copper	No	8/7/19	0.759 (1)  Range 0.212 - 0.883	mg/l	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing			
Lead	No	8/7/19	1.23 (2) Range ND – 1.3	ug/l	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing			
Sodium	No	6/12/19	80.4	Mg/l	N/a	* See health effects (Notes below)	Naturally occurring; road salt			

Chloride	No	2/6/19	152	Mg/l	N/a	250	Naturally occurring
Nitrate	No	4/17/19	0.598	Mg/l	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer
ТНМ	No	8/7/19	2.0	Ug/l	N/a	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Coliform Bacteria	No	9/18/19	1 positive samples <sup>3</sup>	N/A	0	TT = 2 or more positive samples / month	Naturally present in the environment

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- 2– The level presented represents the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of the 20 sites tested. In this case, 20 samples were collected at your water system and the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value was 1.91 ug/l. The Lead action level was not exceeded at any of the sites.
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