

Quincy School ~ Community Partnership and
Mayor Thomas P. Koch
present



*'Tis the Season...
Symphony & Song!*

Celebrate the sounds of the holiday season with the

*Quincy Symphony Orchestra
Quincy Public Schools Combined High School Choral Group
and
John Adams Orchestra*

*Tuesday, December 5, 2023
Quincy High School
Lloyd Hill Performing Arts Center
7:00 P.M.*

General Admission: \$20.00

Tickets may be purchased at both North Quincy High and Quincy High School

Dinner, Performance and VIP Seating: \$40.00

A 3 course dinner will be served at Presidents Cafe (located in Quincy High School) prior to the evening performance. Dinner seating begins at 5:00 p.m. Dinner/Performance tickets must be purchased at Quincy Public Schools, 34 Coddington Street, Quincy, MA 02169 by December 1, 2023. Seating is limited. For additional information please call (617) 984-8731.



Quincy Public Schools

2023 Winter Concert Schedule

Atherton Hough	December 14 th	8:30 a.m.
Beechwood Knoll	December 8 th	9:00 a.m. (Grades 3-5 & Band) 10:15 a.m. (Grades K-2) <i>Doors open 15 minutes prior</i>
Bernazzani	December 15 th	8:30 a.m.
Lincoln-Hancock	January 31 st	8:30 a.m. (Grades K-2) 9:45 a.m. (Grades 3-4 & Band)
Clifford Marshall	February 7 th	9:15 a.m. (Grades K-2) 10:30 a.m. (Grades 3-4 & Band)
Merrymount	December 1 st	8:15 a.m. (Grades K-2) 9:15 a.m. (Grades 3-5 & Band)
Montclair	December 15 th	8:30 a.m. (Grades 3-5 & Band) 9:45 a.m. (Grades K-2)
Parker	December 20 th	9:00 a.m. (Grades K-2) 10:00 a.m. (Grades 3-5 & Band)
Snug Harbor	December 21 st	9:30 a.m.
Squantum	December 11 th	8:45 a.m. (Grades K-2) 10:00 a.m. (Grades 3-5 & Band)
Wollaston	December 11 th December 13 th	8:30 a.m. (Grades K & 1) 8:30 a.m. (Grades 2-5 & Band)
Atlantic	December 20 th	6:00 p.m.
Broad Meadows	December 18 th	6:00 p.m.
Central	December 21 st	7:00 p.m.
Point Webster	January 17 th	6:00 p.m., QHS Auditorium
South~West	December 6 th	6:00 p.m.
High School Band Concert	December 14 th	6:00 p.m., QHS
High School Choir Concert	December 19 th	6:00 p.m., NQHS
QHS/NQHS Winter Recital	January 24 th	6:00 p.m., NQHS
'Tis the Season	December 5	7:00 p.m., QHS Auditorium



NORTH QUINCY HIGH SCHOOL
DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

ALM♥ST, MAINE

by John Cariani



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 7:00PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH 7:00PM

NQHS AUDITORIUM
\$5 Students & Seniors
\$10 Adults

ALMOST, MAINE is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection.
(www.dramatists.com)



HOLIDAY CRAFTS

LINCOLN HANCOCK AND
SOUTH~WEST FAMILIES

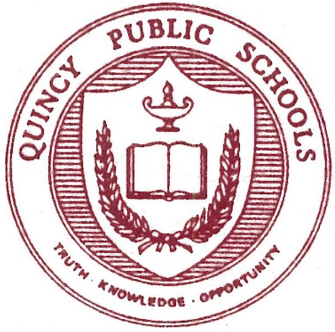
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A HOLIDAY CRAFT, HOT COCOA & COOKIES
AT OUR LOCAL ELDERLY COMMUNITY

THIS FREE EVENT IS SURE TO BRING JOY TO ALL!

Join us Sunday,
December 10th
from 2-4pm

Can't attend the whole time? That's ok!
Drop in anytime between 2-4p

THE ATRIUM AT FAXON WOODS
2003 FALLS BLVD, QUINCY



Attention Grade 8 Parents

Quincy Public Schools is hosting Open House events to share with you the educational and extracurricular opportunities available at our high schools:

Quincy High School

100 Coddington Street

Quincy, MA 02169

Monday, December 11, 2023

6:00 pm

North Quincy High School

316 Hancock Street

Quincy, MA 02171

Thursday, December 14, 2023

6:00 p.m.





Central Middle School Drama Club

ADBOOK REQUEST FORM

Production Dates: January 11th, 12th, and 13th

ALL REQUESTS DUE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

The CMS annual school musical production will be Newsies, JR., the stage version of the Disney classic. If you or someone you know would like to advertise in this year's adbook, please complete and return this form to the CMS main office at the address below. We have ad options for every size and budget!

If your ad contains a logo or other images, please email a JPG version of the image in black and white in advance. Emailing ensures maximum accuracy and quality. You may also attach your print-ready artwork to this form (i.e. business card). Or, if you prefer, we will design an ad for you. On the back of this form, sketch a design of how you would like your ad to appear.

Contact Information form with fields for Name, Business Name, Mailing Address, Phone, and Email.

- ___ I have emailed a JPG of my artwork/logo. *(preferred)**
___ I would like you to design an ad for me. (Use the back for details.) >>>>
___ I would like to donate a raffle prize.
___ I would like to donate a raffle prize AND put an ad in our adbook.

AD PRICES AND SIZES (please check one):
List of ad options with checkboxes: \$10 STAGE HAND, \$25 CAMEO, \$50 SUPPORTING ACTOR, \$100 STANDING O, \$200 ENCORE.
All checks may be made payable to Central Middle School and mailed to Central Middle School, 875 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02170 ATTN: ADBOOK

Questions? Abby Nazzaro 617-984-8725, abigailnazzaro@quincypublicschools.com
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The QPS 501(c)(3) tax exempt number is 046-001-409. A letter is available upon request.

THINKING ABOUT PURSUING A MASTERS IN EDUCATION?

Join us to learn about several opportunities for teachers of diverse backgrounds to earn their Masters in Education conveniently and affordably!

JOINING US:



Join Us

Thursday 12/21, 3-4pm
via Zoom

RSVP:

[https://forms.gle/aaS
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Participating School Districts & Schools: Quincy, Boston, Weymouth, Framingham, Westwood, Lexington, Sharon, BB&N, Boston Renaissance Charter Public School, Salem, Everett, Hudson, Chelsea, Amherst-Regional



RSVP



Santa's Village

Photo with Santa, Crafts, Cookie
Decorating & more!

December 3rd
12:00-2:00

Wollaston Congregational
48 Winthrop Ave Quincy

Tickets are \$20 per child

For Tickets and more information visit
www.melodramakids.com

This is a Mel O' Musical Fundraiser



Scan For Tickets



2023 Ward Four
HOLIDAY

Tree Lighting

Shea Park

132 Copeland Street Quincy, MA

Saturday, December 9

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Fun for the whole family!

*Hot Chocolate, Pizza,
Donuts, Brownies, Candy Canes*

*Quincy Fire Department's Engine 5 Fire
Truck*

Santa Arrives at 5PM

Please bring a canned food item for the QCAP Food Center

Thanks to our Ward 4 Community Partners

Bob's Speed & Auto Parts

Donut King

Copeland Pizza

Sly Fox

Schlager Family

Common Market Restaurants

Brownie Lady

Copeland Package Store

Curry Hardware

Councilor James Devine

Paul's Auto Body

The Galvin Family

Corner Barbershop





PARENT ACADEMY

Topics of Interest Survey

Parent Academy is a collaboration among Quincy's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC), Citywide Parents Council (Citywide PTO), Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Subcommittee of Citywide PTO, and the Quincy Public Schools, as a bi-monthly school year series for parents/guardians/caregivers. Throughout the year, parents/guardians/caregivers have the opportunity to learn about various topics through Parent Academy webinars, informative virtual meetings, and in-person presentations.

Parent Academy is looking for your help to better understand the topics you would be interested in for the Parent Academy series provided by QPS.

Please take a moment to complete this [survey](#). Click on survey for the link or scan the QR Code below with your smartphone. Please choose four(4) of your top choices. Most of these topics are already being scheduled and some may be reserved for next year. If there's anything missing on this survey and you would like added, please select "Other" and include a description of the topic. Please also provide any information such as a link to a website and/or a contact name. As much information as you can provide will be most helpful!

Thank you for your invaluable feedback!



WOLLASTON GARDEN CLUB

HOLIDAY GREENS SALE

Saturday, December 2, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

at

Wollaston Congregational Church

48 Winthrop Avenue

Corner of Lincoln Avenue

Wollaston

FRESH WREATHS & SWAGS

INDOOR ARRANGEMENTS

OUTDOOR ARRANGEMENTS

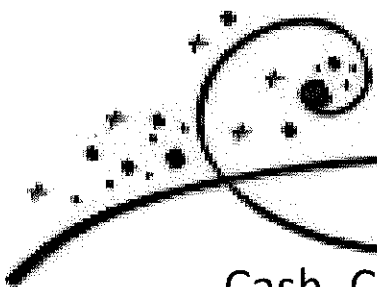
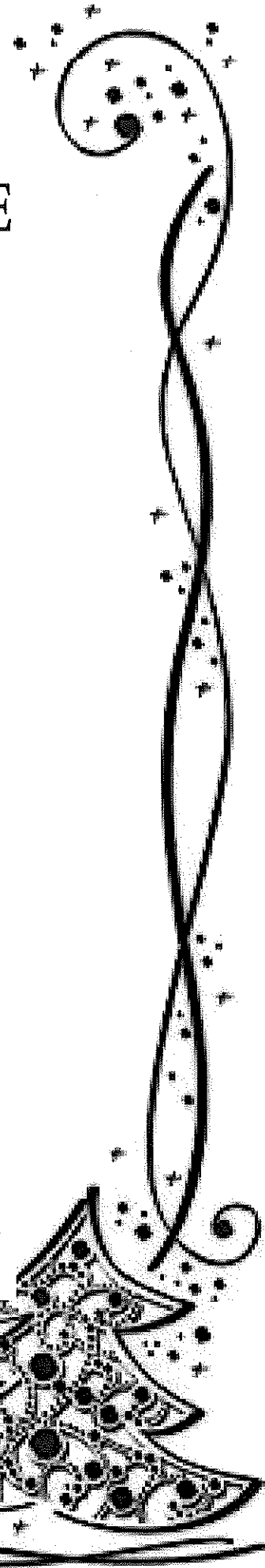
FRESH GREENS

BOWS

GIFT ITEMS

Designer created, locally sourced, community beneficial

Cash, Checks, and Venmo accepted



Free Citizenship Class

(for beginner-level English speakers)

Are you a **Level 1 or Level 2** English speaker **interested in applying for U.S. citizenship?**



In this free class, students will learn the English and Civics needed to pass the test!

The Pathways to Citizenship Program

Classes meet
2 days per week

Days / Times:
Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:30 PM
Saturdays 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Start Date:

Tuesday, November 28

Location:

North Quincy Library
381 Hancock Street

Registration is open now!

Contact us

Call	617-376-3295
Email	quenglishtalk@ocln.org
WhatsApp	857-310-7612

The Thomas Crane Public Library, St. Mark Community Education Program and the **MIRA Coalition** are partnering to provide you with FREE services to help you become a US citizen.



Thomas P. Koch
Mayor

Quincy Recreation



Saturdays for Children with Special Needs

Instructional League for Grades K to 5
Challenger League for Grades 6 to 12

\$25 for Residents

**Registration Begins
October 18th!**

**10 Weeks Beginning
December 9, 2023**

WWW.QUINCYREC.COM

617-376-1394



Did you know that studies indicate a strong relationship between school, arts, and academic performance? Students who participate in quality music programs generally score higher on tests than those who don't. According to researchers, teens who take music lessons have better memory, attention, and problem-solving skills.

Singing is also important because it builds self-confidence, promotes social inclusion, supports social skill development, and enables people of different ages and abilities to come together successfully to create something special in the arts.

The **Quincy Choral Boosters** strive to enhance and support the choral experience for Quincy Public Schools middle and high school choral programs, to encourage parental support, and to improve our choral program resources through financial support.

Quincy Choral Boosters is a registered Charity!
EIN: 81-3267605

 SNAP! RAISE

Support matters.



Help Us Reach Our Fundraising Goal!



Quincy Choral Boosters

How will your donations be used?

Your generous donations will support lessons, scholarships, music experiences outside of the classroom, and other investments that will strengthen and expand our chorus programs!

Thanks for Your Support!

Campaign running November 27 – December 25, 2023

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Quincy's **Food Waste Diversion Program** seeks volunteers to help educate and encourage students to sort their waste responsibly.

- **Volunteers are needed daily for 2-hour shifts at both high schools (note: background check required)**
- **Help reduce the City's carbon footprint and save thousands of pounds of food waste!**



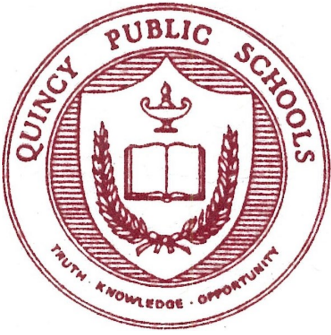
Interested? Sign up at:

<https://volunteersignup.org/QH3QP>



For more information, contact Finbar Heaslip
finbarheaslip@quincypublicschools.com





Quincy Public Schools is Hiring!

. *Classroom Paraprofessionals*

. *Lunch Attendants*

. *Bus Drivers*

. *Substitute Teachers*

. *Substitute Secretaries*



For more information, go to:

[https://www.quincypublicschools.com/our_district/
academic_support/human_resources_department/
current_employment_opportunities](https://www.quincypublicschools.com/our_district/academic_support/human_resources_department/current_employment_opportunities)

Or call the QPS Human Resources Department at
617.984.8767

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “**Stop**”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#), so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!**



**Just send
“Y” or “Yes”
to 67587**

i [Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:](#)

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a “text message”. Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*[Terms and Conditions](#) – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.



Why am I receiving this brochure?



The Quincy Water Department found elevated levels of lead in drinking water in some homes/buildings during the monitoring period of July 1, 2023, to October 31, 2023. Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Please read this information closely to see what you can do to reduce lead in your drinking water.

Quincy's sampling results had a 90th percentile result of 18.5 parts per billion (ppb), which is above the lead Action Level of 15 ppb.

US EPA and MassDEP require public water systems that exceed the lead action level to provide this notification to consumers. Lead is a health concern and is commonly found in the environment, most commonly in lead-based paint. Lead can also be found in water, though at much lower levels.

Why are there elevated levels of lead in the drinking water and what is being done to reduce the levels?

- The water provided by MWRA is lead-free when it leaves the reservoir. However, lead can get into tap water through lead service lines, lead solder used in plumbing, and some brass fixtures.
- MWRA and the Quincy Water Department are concerned about lead in your drinking water. We have both an extensive testing program and have treated the water to make it less corrosive. Although most homes have very low levels of lead in their drinking water, some homes may still have lead levels above the US EPA and MassDEP Action Level of 15 parts per billion (ppb).
- To monitor lead levels, the Quincy Water Department tests tap water in homes that are most likely to have lead. These homes are usually older homes that may have lead service lines or lead solder, and they must be tested after water has been sitting overnight. The EPA rule requires that 90% of these worst-case samples must have lead levels below the Action Level of 15 ppb.
- Starting in 1996, MWRA began adjusting the pH and buffering capacity of the water to make it less corrosive, and has steadily fine-tuned these treatments over time, thereby reducing the leaching of lead into drinking water. Due to this treatment change, lead levels found in sample tests of tap water have dropped by around 80 to 90 percent. Because lead levels in home plumbing can vary, individual homes may occasionally have higher test results.



Health Effects of Lead

Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of women who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems.



Sources of Lead

Lead is a common metal found in the environment. Common sources of lead exposure are lead-based paint, household dust, soil, and some plumbing materials and fixtures. Lead can also be found in other household items such as pottery, makeup, toys, and even food. Lead paint was outlawed in 1978, but dust from homes that still have lead paint is the most common source of exposure to lead. Therefore, make sure to wash your children's hands and toys often as they can come into contact with dirt and dust containing lead.

When your drinking water leaves the treatment plant and as it travels through the water mains in your neighborhood, lead is rarely a concern. So, how might lead get into the water in your home? Lead can be in pipes that connect some older homes to the water mains. Those pipes are called service lines and for homes built before 1986, some service lines were made of lead. In the past, lead was also

used in some plumbing materials and in the solder used to connect copper pipes within some homes. When lead comes in contact with water, it can dissolve into the water or break off in tiny particles and that's how lead can end up in your home's drinking water.

The corrosion, or wearing away, of these lead-based materials can add lead to tap water, particularly if water sits for a long time in the pipes before use. Therefore, water that has been sitting in household pipes for several hours, such as in the morning, or after returning from work or school, is more likely to contain lead. If high levels of lead are found in drinking water, water may typically contribute up to 20 percent of a person's exposure to lead. However, infants who consume mostly formula mixed with lead-containing water, can receive up to 60 percent of their exposure from water.



Steps You Can Take to Reduce Exposure to Lead in Drinking Water

Listed below are steps that you can take to reduce your exposure to lead and copper in drinking water:



Use only cold, fresh water for drinking, cooking, and food preparation. Run the cold water tap for at least 1 minute or until after it turns cold to flush out stale water as it may contain higher levels of lead.



Do not boil the water to remove lead. Boiling water will not reduce lead. Excessive boiling can increase lead levels as lead remains behind when the water boils away.



Use only cold, fresh water for preparing baby formula. Do not use water from the hot water tap to make baby formula. Lead dissolves more easily into hot water.



Check whether your home has a lead service line. IF YOU DO, HAVE IT REMOVED. Check for your home address on our list of homes with LSLs at: <https://bit.ly/Water-Service-Lead-or-lead-lined>

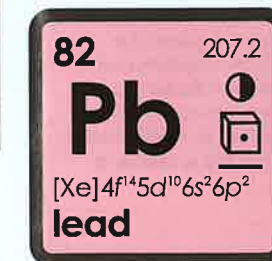
Please contact us at 617-376-1371 for more information about your home's service line, how to have it replaced, or for information about plumbing materials in your home that may contain lead.



Use EPA's Protect Your Tap tool to help identify if your service line is lead – www.epa.gov/pyt.

Test your water for lead. You cannot see, taste or smell lead in drinking water. The only way to determine the level of lead in drinking water at your home is to have the water tested by a MassDEP certified laboratory. For information on how to get your water tested, call or email the contact listed below or see www.mass.gov/certified-laboratories for a list of certified laboratories. The cost to test is usually between \$25 and \$50. Consider having your paint tested also.

Contact your health care provider if you have any health-related questions, or contact your local health department to find out if your child needs to be tested for lead. A blood lead level test is the only way to know if your child is being exposed to lead. For more information on Massachusetts' childhood lead testing program, contact the Department of Public Health at 1-800-532-9571 or see www.mass.gov/orgs/childhood-lead-poisoning-prevention-program.





Other Options Consumers Can Take to Reduce Exposure

- Identify and replace plumbing fixtures containing lead or lead solder. Older faucets, fittings, and valves, including those advertised as "lead-free," may contribute lead to drinking water. The law previously allowed brass with up to 8 percent lead to be labeled as "lead free." As of January 2014, faucets and fixtures must meet the new "lead-free" definition of having no more than 0.25 percent lead. If you are concerned about lead in tap water, you should consider replacing older fixtures.
- Clean your faucet aerators: You should also clean out your faucet aerators periodically because they can collect lead particles.
- Consider alternative sources or treatment of water. If your water contains lead, you may want to consider purchasing bottled water or a water filter. If considering a filter carefully read the package or check www.nsf.org to be sure the filter is approved to reduce lead. Be sure to maintain and replace the filter in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to protect water quality. If you are considering using bottled water, note that it may cost up to 1,000 times more than tap water. Simply flushing your tap is usually a cheaper and effective alternative.

How Are We Doing?

Our corrosion control treatment had helped reduce lead levels over time, but even though the MWRA regional system has been below the EPA Action Level since 2004, our most recent local Quincy sampling had above the Action Level in too many homes. We are working with homeowners who have lead service lines to remove them and providing this information to help you reduce your risk at home.

Please share this information on lead with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For More Information

Call us at 617-376-1371, or contact, or visit our website at <https://bit.ly/Water-Service-Lead-or-lead-lined> to find out what else we are doing about lead, such as supplying home testing kits or a lead service line replacement program. We appreciate the on-going cooperation and shared commitment of our customers in reducing lead levels. We strive to provide safe and healthy water for your home. We all play a role in keeping it that way. Together, let's get the lead out.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and the health effects of lead, visit:

- Quincy Water Department lead service line information <https://bit.ly/Water-Service-Lead-or-lead-lined>
- EPA's lead website at www.epa.gov/lead, or call the EPA lead hotline at 1-800-424-5323
- MassDEP's website at www.mass.gov/service-details/is-there-lead-in-my-tap-water
- Department of Public Health's website at www.mass.gov/orgs/childhood-lead-poisoning-prevention-program

Quincy Water Department
55 Sea Street
Quincy, MA 02169
617-376-1371

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
www.MWRA.com
617-242-5323



Fall 2023

This report contains very important information about your drinking water. Please translate it, or speak with someone who understands it.

Si usted desea obtener una copia de este reporte en español, llámenos al teléfono 617-788-1190.

La relazione contiene importanti informazioni sulla qualità dell'acqua della Comunità. Tradurlo o parlarne con un amico che lo comprenda.

O relatório contém informações importantes sobre a qualidade da água da comunidade. Traduza-o ou peça a alguém que o ajude a entendê-lo melhor.

Sprawozdanie zawiera ważne informacje na temat jakości wody w Twojej miejscowości. Poproś kogoś o przełumaczenie go lub porozmawiaj z osobą która je dobrze rozumie.

يحتوي هذا التقرير على معلومات هامة عن نوعية ماء الشرب في منطقتك، يرجى ترجمته، أو ابحث التقرير مع صديق لك يفهم هذه المعلومات جيدا.

Η κατοθεν αναφορα παρουσιάζει σπουδαιες πληροφοριες για το ποσιμο νερο σας. Πρακτικω να το μεταφρασετε η να το συζητασετε με καποιον που το καταλαβαινει απολητως.



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Im Bericht steht wichtige Information über die Qualität des Wassers Ihrer Gemeinschaft. Der Bericht soll übersetzt werden, oder sprechen Sie mit einem Freund, der ihn gut versteht.

这份报告中有些重要的信息。讲到关于您所在社区的水的品质。请您找人翻译一下，或者请能看得懂这份报告的朋友给您解释一下。

この資料には、あなたの飲料水についての大切な情報が書かれています。内容をよく理解するために、日本語に翻訳して読むか説明を受けてください。

इस रिपोर्ट में 'पीने के पानी' के बिषय पर बहुत जरूरी जानकारी दी गई है। कृपया इसका अनुवाद कीजिये, या किसी जानकार से इस बारे में पूछिये।

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이 보고서에는 귀하가 거주하는 지역의 수질에 관한 중요한 정보가 들어 있습니다. 이것을 번역하거나 충분히 이해하시는 친구와 상의하십시오.

Bản báo cáo có ghi những chi tiết quan trọng về phẩm chất nước trong cộng đồng quý vị. Hãy nhờ người thông dịch, hoặc hỏi một người bạn biết rõ về vấn đề này.

Ce rapport contient des informations importantes à propos de votre eau potable. Demander à quelqu'un de traduire ces informations pour vous ou discuter avec une personne qui comprend ces informations.

Important Information About



Lead

in Your Drinking Water