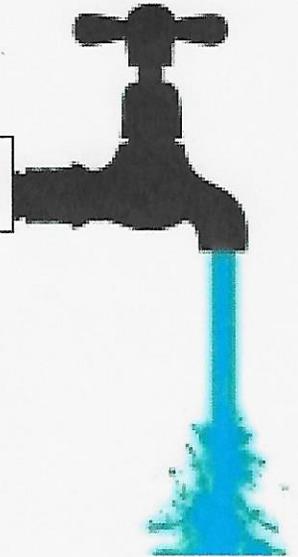


## ***From The Water Superintendent***



It has come to our attention that some customers are experiencing increased occurrence of staining of water fixtures recently. Historically, the Village water sources produce slightly acidic water. This is common in our area and the water is presently treated with an orthophosphate designed to "insulate" the pipes from the effects. The effects are not generally a concern unless you have specific health issues related to excessive ingestion of copper or iron (both essential nutrients for most people).

Recent changes in water use and pumping are likely the cause of the problem. Changes to the treatment levels have been instigated to combat and correct the issue. It may take some time before a balance is reached and the additive can do its job fully. We appreciate your patience throughout the procedure.

In the meantime, as the discoloration is mostly caused by water sitting in the pipes, especially overnight, effects may be lessened by flushing the water at the tap for a short time before using.

If you have specific health issues as stated above (e.g. Wilson's Disease) or any other health questions, you may contact the Columbia County Department of Health at 518-828-3358 or [ccdoh@columbiacountyny.com](mailto:ccdoh@columbiacountyny.com) for further information.