



# End Water Fluoridation Baltimore

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## *Mayor D'Alesandro Puts Fluorine Into The City Water Supply--November 26, 1952*

**A**FTER more than two years of careful study, Baltimore City inaugurated the fluoridation of its municipal water supply on November 26, 1952. On this occasion Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, who pushed the control button at the Montebello Filtration Plant, made the following brief address:

What we do here today may well be termed by future generations one of the most important events in the history of our city.

By adding fluorine to our water, an advance strongly recommended both by the dental and medical professions, we begin today to benefit thousands of young children, and

# **URGENT WE NEED YOUR HELP TO END WATER FLUORIDATION IN BALTIMORE!**

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Baltimore's City Council  
to end water fluoridation but we need your support  
and involvement to be successful!

**Please Attend This Most Important Meeting**

**Monday, May 19, 2014 from 6:30 to 8:00pm**

**Liam Flynn's Ale House  
22 West North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21201**

For more information or sources please e-mail:  
**btemp001@gmail.com**

Check out our facebook page:  
**[www.facebook.com/endwaterfluoridationbaltimore](http://www.facebook.com/endwaterfluoridationbaltimore)**

Learn more about water fluoridation  
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## **Three Reasons to End Water Fluoridation NOW!**

### **Reason #1: Fluoridation Is an Outdated Form of Mass Medication**

Unlike all other water treatment processes, fluoridation does not treat the water itself, but the person consuming it. The Food & Drug Administration accepts that fluoride is a drug and not a nutrient; therefore, fluoridating water is a form of medication. This is why most European nations have rejected the practice — because, in their view, the public water supply is not an appropriate place to be adding drugs, particularly when fluoride is readily available for individual use in the form of toothpaste.

### **Reason #2: Fluoridation Is Unnecessary and Ineffective**

The most obvious reason to end fluoridation is that it is now known that fluoride's main benefit comes from topical contact with the teeth, not from ingestion. Even the CDC's Oral Health Division now acknowledges this. There is simply no need, therefore, to swallow fluoride, whether in the water, toothpaste, or any other form. Further, despite early claims that fluoridated water would reduce cavities by 65%, modern large-scale studies show no consistent or meaningful difference in the cavity rates of fluoridated and non-fluoridated areas.

### **Reason #3: Fluoridation Is Not a Safe Practice**

The most important reason to end fluoridation is that it is simply not a safe practice, particularly for those who have health conditions that render them vulnerable to fluoride's toxic effects.

First, fluoridation is causing millions of children to develop dental fluorosis, a mottling and brown or yellow discoloration of the teeth that is caused by excessive fluoride intake. Scientists from the Centers for Disease Control have acknowledged that water fluoridation is causing dental fluorosis.

Second, it is known that fluoridated water caused severe bone disease in dialysis patients up until the late 1970s when dialysis units began filtering out fluoride. Despite filtration, research shows that current fluoride exposures are still resulting in dangerously high bone fluoride levels in dialysis patients and patients with other advanced forms of kidney disease. It is unethical to compromise the health of some members in a population to obtain a purported benefit for another — particularly in the absence of these vulnerable members' knowing consent.

And, finally, a growing body of evidence reasonably indicates that fluoridated water can cause or contribute to a range of serious effects, including arthritis, damage to the developing brain, reduced thyroid function, and osteosarcoma (bone cancer).



*Baltimore Symphony Orchestra*  
Take-Out Sessions

A  
MIDSUMMER  
NIGHT'S DREAM

MON, MAY 19TH 9:30PM  
LIAM FLYNN'S  
22 W NORTH AVE  
NO COVER

BALTIMORE  
SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA

# First meeting on May 19, 2014



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Mount Vernon Wellness Center  
1800 N Charles Street, Suite 204  
3rd Floor Conference Room  
Baltimore, MD 21201

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# What we are working on:

- Website
- Support from experts, professionals and business owners (letters and signatures)
- Preparing packets of info and sources for City Council members
- Drafting Resolution language
- Hosting a third Citizens Meeting