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Sewer District Announces Winners of “Prevent Clogs from F.R.O.G.s” Art Contest

Great Neck Water Pollution Control District to Use Winning Submission as Campaign Logo to Raise Awareness about the Dangers of Flushing Fats, Roots, Oils and Grease (F.R.O.G.s)

Great Neck, NY (April 27, 2017) – The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) today announced the winners of its “Prevent Clogs from F.R.O.G.s” art contest to raise awareness about common sewer pipe problems. Ninth grade student Patricia Dunn at Great Neck South High School won first place. Ninth grade student Kevin Zhang at Great Neck South High School won second place and ninth grade student Kallista Zhuang at Great Neck South High School won third place. Dunn’s submission will be used as the GNWPCD’s new logo for the Prevent Clogs from F.R.O.G.s awareness campaign.

“The Prevent Clogs from F.R.O.G.s campaign is part of the GNWPCD’s effort to alert homeowners to the dangers that fats, roots, oils and grease (F.R.O.G.s) pose to building sewer lines,” said GNWPCD Superintendent Christopher Murphy. “F.R.O.G.s are the leading causes of sewer line backups and failures, which frequently lead to expensive repair bills for homeowners.”

“Many homeowners assume they are only responsible for cleaning and maintaining their building sewer lines to the edge of their properties,” said GNWPCD Commissioner Jerry Landsberg. “Most homeowners don’t know that they are responsible for their sewer lines from the building to the District’s sewer main. Repairing building sewer lines is not typically covered by homeowners insurance so, the District recommends homeowners schedule a cleaning of their sewer line once every two years to prevent costly bills later down the line.”

Preventative maintenance measures include keeping plants with long roots far away from sewer lines, removing existing trees and shrubs near the line, maintaining minor root control with products from local hardware or plumbing supply stores and hiring licensed plumbers for major root control. Additional preventative measures include regular pipe cleaning and video inspections, prompt repair of damaged pipes, installing sewer line clean-outs on the property, disposing of fats, oils, grease and sanitary items not meant for sewer disposal with the trash, and ensuring rainwater does not enter the sanitary sewer connection.

About the GNWPCD

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) is a special commissioner-run district within the Town of North Hempstead. The GNWPCD has provided sewage services for the Great Neck area since 1914, and currently serves more than 25,000 residents and businesses in the villages of Great Neck, Saddle Rock, Kensington, and those parts of Thomaston and Great Neck Plaza east of Middle Neck Road; as well as all unincorporated areas north of the Long

Island Rail Road and a part of Manhasset. The GNWPCD's mission is to protect our bay, the environment and the health of our society.

Photo 1 (0488): Great Neck South High School ninth grade student Patricia Dunn won first place in the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District's art logo competition for the District's Prevent Clogs from F.R.O.G.s awareness campaign

Photo 2 (0489): Great Neck South High School ninth grade student Kevin Zhang won second place in the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District's art logo competition for the District's Prevent Clogs from F.R.O.G.s awareness campaign.

Photo 3 (0490): Great Neck South High School ninth grade student Kallista Zhuang won third place in the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District's art logo competition for the District's Prevent Clogs from F.R.O.G.s awareness campaign.

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