

PRESS RELEASE

GNWPCD Commissioners Welcome Art Contest Winners to Sewer District Headquarters

Great Neck, NY (June 2, 2017) – The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) recently welcomed the winners of its “Prevent Clogs from F.R.O.G.s” art contest to District headquarters, located at 236 E Shore Road. Local high school students were invited to create a logo for its public awareness campaign – aiming at informing the community about common wastewater pipe problems. GNWPCD Commissioner Jerry Landsberg, Commissioner Steve Reiter and Commissioner Patty Katz were in attendance to congratulate the students, thank them for their submissions and award the well-earned prizes.

“With the help of these talented students, our Prevent Clogs from F.R.O.G.s campaign will alert Great Neck residents to the potential hazards that fats, roots, oils and grease (F.R.O.G.s) pose to our community’s vital wastewater system,” said GNWPCD Commissioner Jerry Landsberg. “F.R.O.G.s obstructing sewer lines can be expensive for District homeowners. The District will continue to make significant strides in providing residents with information they need to proactively maintain their sewer lines.”

Ninth grade student Patricia Dunn of Great Neck South High School won first place in the contest. Her submission will be used as the GNWPCD’s new logo for the Prevent Clogs from F.R.O.G.s campaign. Dunn was also awarded \$150 for her winning drawing. Ninth grade student Leon Zhang of Great Neck South won second place and ninth grade student Kallista Zhuang, also of Great Neck South, won third place. Both runner-ups were awarded \$100 for their submissions.

“Great Neck homeowners are responsible for their sewer lines from the building to the District’s sewer main,” said GNWPCD Superintendent Christopher Murphy. “The District recommends homeowners schedule a cleaning of their sewer line once every two years to prevent costly bills later down the line – as damage is not typically covered by homeowners insurance.”

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 line cleaning and video inspections, prompt repair of damaged lines, 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.

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Photo 1 (l-r): *Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Commissioner Steve Reiter stands with Prevent Clogs from F.R.O.G.s art contest first place winner Patricia Dunn, third place finisher Kallista Zhuang, second place finisher Leon Zhang, Commissioner Patty Katz and Commissioner Jerry Landsberg.*

Photo 2: Great Neck Water Pollution Control District's Prevent Clogs from F.R.O.G.s art contest winner Patricia Dunn (center) stands with second place finisher Leon Zhang (right) and third place finisher Kallista Zhuang (left).

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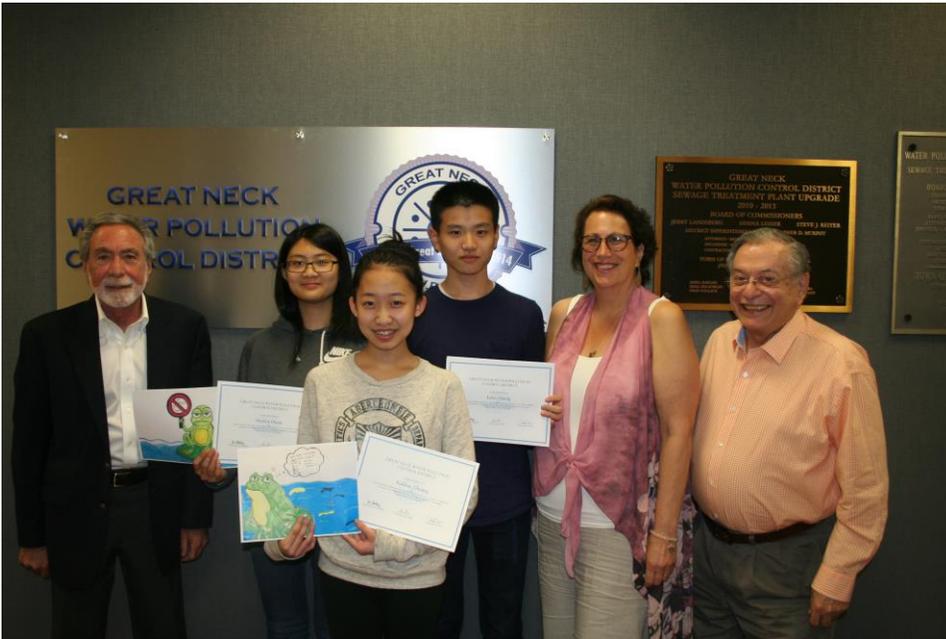


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