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GNWPCD Collects over 200 Pounds of Pharmaceuticals

Great Neck, N.Y. (June 8, 2018) – The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District collected over 200 pounds of unused and expired medications at its second free medical disposal drive-thru event—Shed the Meds— on Sunday, June 3. In partnership with Reach Out America, Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition, North Shore Action, Nassau County Police, Northwell Health and the Boy Scouts, the District welcomed local residents as they dropped off their medications an environmentally safe manner.

“We want to thank Great Neck residents for their participation in our second Shed the Meds event—a day that brought about a tremendous amount of safely collected medications and raised awareness of the harmful effects that flushing pharmaceuticals has on the local water supply,” said Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Commissioner Patty Katz. “This event is part of the District’s ongoing mission to not only safeguard the local water supply from harmful items but also inform residents of ways that they can play a role in protecting the environment.”

The District plans to host more Shed the Meds events in the future—as it aims to lower pharmaceutical compounds in the water system. In between events, the District offers residents free pharmaceutical disposal kits, through its ongoing pharmaceutical take-back program, which are available to residents at District headquarters at 236 East Shore Road.

The community can use the pharmaceutical disposal kits with prepaid postage to dispose of unused medications in their original containers, including legally held Schedule II, III, IV and V controlled drugs and narcotics. Liquid medications of up to four ounces can also be included in the disposal kits, but must be placed in sealed plastic bags. For more information about drug schedules, visit www.dea.gov/druginfo/ds.shtml.

“This is yet another example of the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District being a leader amongst wastewater treatment centers across the country,” said Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Commissioner Steve Reiter. “We look forward to continuing this initiative—and others—that work to benefit both the residents we serve and the environment.”

For additional information and updates about the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District, please call our office at 516-482-0238 or visit our website at www.gnwpcd.net.

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 (GNWPCD) Commissioner Patty Katz, Reach Out America-Green Committee Chair Sandie Salat, Reach Out America President Rita Hall, Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition Founder and President Laura Weinberg, GNWPCD Superintendent Christopher Murphy, GNWPCD Commissioner Steve Reiter, GNWPCD Secretary to the Board Pamela Patterson, Lorraine Vigliarolo, Giuseppe DiFonzo, Nassau County Police Department Officer Gary Biggers, and Christopher Mannino pose during District’s recent Shed the Meds event.

Photo 2: Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Commissioner Patty Katz (back left) and Reach Out America President Rita Hall (front right) collect expired and unused medications at the District’s recent Shed the Meds event.

Photo 3: *Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Commissioner Patty Katz, collects medications from local resident dropping off at the District's recent Shed the Meds event.*

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Photo 2:



Photo 3:

