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GNWPCD Set to Host its Fourth “Shed the Meds” Event

Local Residents Encouraged to Drop off Pharmaceutical Waste on Sunday, June 2

Great Neck, N.Y. (May x, 2019)—The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District recently announced that it will hold its fourth “Shed the Meds” event on Sunday, June 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. As part of the event, the District will open its free medication disposal drive-thru to residents so they can safely and properly dispose of unused or expired medications. The event is intended to raise awareness of the dangers flushing medications down the toilet pose to the community’s water supply and environment. Residents are encouraged to drop off expired and unused medications and sharps to District headquarters at 236 East Shore Road via a drive-thru process that is quick and ensures that the pharmaceutical waste is disposed of safely.

“For the fourth time in less than two years, the District is happy to offer this free service as an alternative means of disposing pharmaceuticals to safeguard our local waterways and ultimately Long Island’s water supply,” said Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Commissioner Patty Katz. “Participation in this program is a simple way to be a partner in protecting the local environment and reducing the far too common practice of flushing medications down the toilet.”

Since this event’s inception, the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District has collected over 800 pounds of pharmaceutical waste. The community event is hosted in partnership with Reach Out America, the Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition, North Shore Action, the Nassau County Police Department, Northwell Health and the Great Neck North High School Key Club.

“We are looking forward to another successful event and are hoping, with the community’s help, to reach the 1,000 pounds of collected pharmaceuticals mark in just our first four events,” stated Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Commissioner Steve Reiter. “The Great Neck community has always been an environmental leader, and the event’s continued success is a testament to our shared interest in preserving and protecting the local environment for future generations.”

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

About the GNWPCD

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) is a commissioner-run Special Improvement 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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