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GNWPCD To Host Contactless “Shed the Meds” Drive-Thru Event

Collection of Sharps and Pharmaceutical Waste in a Safe and Socially-Distant Manner, Sunday, October 24

Great Neck, N.Y. (October XX, 2021)—The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) is proud to announce that it is once again hosting its biannual “Shed the Meds” event on Sunday, October 24 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at its headquarters at 236 East Shore Road, Great Neck, NY 11023. The GNWPCD encourages the community to take advantage of its contactless drive-thru event, which provides residents with an opportunity to safely dispose of unused or expired medications as well as sharps.

“We look forward to the Shed the Meds event every six months, as it affords us the opportunity to provide our community with a safe, easy way of disposing potentially dangerous medications or pharmaceutical supplies,” said GNWPCD Chairman Steve Reiter. “Community involvement in this event continues to grow, and we are excited to see what Shed the Meds brings this time around.”

“Long Island’s sole source of water is from the aquifers. Giving residents the opportunity to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals in a safe and environmentally friendly way, in the spring and fall, protects our ground water and Manhasset Bay,” said Commissioner Patty Katz.

This year, the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District has partnered with Reach Out America, the Great Neck Breast Cancer Coalition, the Nassau County Police Department and the Great Neck North High School Key Club. Due to the community’s continued participation and enthusiasm surrounding this event, the District has been able to collect more than 2,500 pounds of pharmaceutical waste over the last six years.

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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