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## \*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*

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

*Collection of Pharmaceutical Waste and Sharps in a Safe and Socially-Distant Manner on Sunday, May 1, 2022*

**Great Neck, N.Y. (April 6, 2022)**—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, May 1 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 and expired medications as well as sharps. Before arriving at the event, residents should be sure to separate their medications and sharps to ensure their safe disposal.

“Shed the Meds is one of our most environmentally important programs at the GNWPCD and we are always excited when it comes around,” said GNWPCD Chairwoman Patty Katz. “It enables us to provide our community with a safe and easy way of disposing of possibly harmful medications and pharmaceutical waste. Community involvement in this event grows every year, and we are tremendously proud of our residents for taking the initiative in protecting our water supply.”

“Everything we do at the GNWPCD is dedicated toward protecting the Great Neck Peninsula’s environment,” said GNWPCD Commissioner Steve Reiter. “Shed the Meds provides an ideal opportunity for residents to help in that mission and we are looking forward to seeing our community coming out and supporting this important environmental project.”

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 3,200 pounds of pharmaceutical waste and thousands of pounds of sharps over the last six years.

To learn more about Shed the Meds, be sure to watch Chairwoman Katz’s public service announcement, filmed in conjunction with North Shore TV, in the Videos page of the News tab on the District’s website at

[www.gnwpcd.net](http://www.gnwpcd.net). For additional information and updates about the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District, please visit [www.gnwpcd.net](http://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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