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### \*\*\*P R E S S   R E L E A S E\*\*\*

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

*Collecting Pharmaceutical Waste and Sharps in a Safe and Simple Manner on Sunday, April 23, 2023*

**Great Neck, N.Y. (April 4, 2023)**—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, April 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at its headquarters at 236 East Shore Road, Great Neck, NY 11023 via the Vista Hill Road entrance. 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.

“The steady growth in community involvement in our Shed the Meds event every six months is very exciting,” said GNWPCD Commissioner Patty Katz. “The importance of the safe disposal of their unused medications and sharps in order to prevent them from contaminating our natural environment is clearly a point that resonates within our residents. The fact that we have collected more than two tons of these harmful materials since 2017 is astounding, and this could not have been done without the faithful cooperation of the Great Neck community.”

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 4,000 pounds of pharmaceutical waste and sharps over the last seven years.

“While pharmaceutical take back events are held throughout Long Island, our District’s Shed the Meds event is one of very few places in the area where medical sharps can be safely disposed of,” said GNWPCD Chairman Jerry Landsberg. “It is a privilege to be able to provide our community with this service and we are excited to see our residents take advantage of it.”

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 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 Railroad and a part of Manhasset. The GNWPCD's mission is to protect human health, our bays and the environment.

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