

Councilwoman Bonner Announces Brookhaven's First Pharmaceutical Take - Back Program

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MOUNT SINAI ,NY - Brookhaven Councilwoman Jane Bonner announced today that the Town will host its first ever Pharmaceutical Take - Back Program on Saturday, September 26 at the Rose Caracappa Senior Center in Mount Sinai.

"This event will provide our residents with a safe, secure and environmentally friendly way to dispose of unused or unwanted prescription medication, keeping it out of our children's hands, our waterways and waste stream," said Councilwoman Bonner. "By bringing your unused, expired or unwanted prescription or over the counter medication to this event, it will also be disposed of utilizing waste-to-energy technology to re-generate useable energy that is 99.9% environmentally safe.

The impact of keeping, or improperly disposing, expired or unneeded drugs is alarming. Millions of pounds of drugs are improperly disposed of every year in this country. And every day, approximately 2,500 teens in the U. S. abuse prescription painkillers for the first time. In 2006 alone, more than 2.1 million teens abused prescription drugs.

Disposing of these drugs improperly, whether down the drain, flushing them or throwing them out, still negatively affects our children and residents. Even in trace amounts, these drugs have been proven to have a negative effect on human and animal cells.

"You can be one of the first to partner in this revolutionary concept to help keep tons of unused drugs out of the hands of our children, out of landfills and out of our water supply," said Councilwoman Bonner. "By bringing your expired or unused prescription or over the counter drugs to a drop-off program such as this, you know that these drugs are inspected, handled in compliance with state and federal regulations, and incinerated using the latest in waste-to-energy technology."

Items That Can Be Deposited at the Drug Drop-Off Event:

- Prescription Medications
- Over the Counter medications
- Ointments, Lotions & Creams in Containers
- Vitamins & Supplements
- Liquids in Containers
- Cold Medications
- Pet medications

The Pharmaceutical Take - Back Program, co-sponsored by PharmaTurnsSolutions, will be held on Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rose Caracappa Senior Center, 739 Route 25A, Mount Sinai. For more information, call (631) 451-6964 or e-mail CouncilwomanBonner@Brookhaven.org .

Pictured above at the announcement for Brookhaven's Prescription Drug Drop-Off Program are (l. to r.) Janene Gentile of the North Shore Youth Council; Adrienne Esposito of the Citizen's Campaign for the Environment; Councilwoman Jane Bonner; Joe Lecci of Lifeline Mediation; and Ryan Kasper, President of PharmaTurnsSolutions.

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