

Town to host 2nd pollutant collection event

The Town of North Hempstead will host the second Stop Throwing Out Pollutants program of 2016 on Sunday, May 22 at the North Hempstead Beach Park from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The first S.T.O.P. event of the year had over 1,300 attendees with collected over 2,000 pounds of pharmaceuticals.

The S.T.O.P. program offers Town of North Hempstead residents the opportunity to dispose of dangerous and chemical waste that is too dangerous to dispose of with routine curbside pickups.

Residents can return items such as aerosols, household chemicals, pesticides, disinfectants, fertilizers, bulbs, thermostats, rechargeable and lithium batteries, TV's and computers. Latex and water-based paints, once dried out (usually 24-36 hours after the lid is removed) can be placed in a trash bag and thrown out with your regular household garbage.

Latex and water-based paints will not be accepted at the S.T.O.P. collection site. Oil-based paints, on the other hand, are considered hazardous, and will be accepted at any S.T.O.P. Collection Day program.

Residents may also bring their sensitive documents to the S.T.O.P. event for proper shredding and destruction to prevent identity theft.

Any documents brought will

be shredded on site by a document shredding company and then transported to a pulping mill for recycling. There is a limit of 6 "Bankers Box" sized boxes or bags of paper per car, per event. Once the documents are shredded, they will be placed into containers and sent directly to pulping mills. Every 2,000 pounds of paper the Town recycles equates to seventeen trees saved.

The Town of North Hempstead S.T.O.P. program will be continuing its partnership with the Nassau County Police Department in its drug take pack program, which was the first program of its kind to be offered in Nassau County. Residents who need to dispose of unused prescription or over-the-counter drugs may bring those pharmaceuticals with them to the program for destruction.

Police sources report that half of all teens who abuse prescription painkiller do so with drugs they found in their house. This program will help to keep North Hempstead families safer from drug abuse issues, and keep our waters clean. In addition to protecting our environment by diverting unwanted drugs from landfills and our drinking water, the program prevents dangerous pharmaceuticals from getting into the wrong hands.

The upcoming S.T.O.P. event will also have a clothing dona-



Supervisor Bosworth with members of the Nassau County Police department at a recent stop event.

tion area thanks to North Hempstead's partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Representatives of Big Brothers Big Sisters will be collecting gently used and working clothes, stuffed animals, electronics, toys, sporting equipment, shoes, books, small area rugs, bikes, scooters, luggage, picture frames, table lamps, bolts of fabric, silverware, glassware, dishes, and cosmetics. Each resident will receive a

receipt for their donation for income tax purposes.

"I am proud that our Town is committed to continuing to offer a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of dangerous and harmful waste such as chemicals, electronics, sensitive documents and pharmaceuticals," said Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Judi Bosworth about the S.T.O.P. program.

In addition to the May 22 event, North Hempstead Beach Park will host another S.T.O.P. event on Oct. 30. Westbury High School will host a S.T.O.P. event on June 26. Michael J. Tully Park will host a S.T.O.P. event on Sept. 17. All collection events begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

For more information on the S.T.O.P. program, please call 311 or (516) 869-6311.

Fireworks to light up Port Washington beach park

The Town of North Hempstead announced last Wednesday that the Memorial Day Fireworks and Commemoration Ceremony, with its sponsor NEFCU, will be held at North Hempstead Beach Park on Saturday, May 28.

This year, the Memorial Day Fireworks and Commemoration Ceremony will feature members representing the Girl Scouts of Nassau County leading the pledge, as well as musical entertainment from two bands:

Unforgettable Fire, a U2 tribute band; and FiveStone, who will be playing popular songs from the '80s.

North Hempstead Beach Park offers a boardwalk along the water and picnic areas so visitors can enjoy a start to the summer season.

"Our Memorial Day Fireworks Ceremony is always a wonderful way to kick off the summer," said North Hempstead Town Supervisor Judi

Bosworth. "By recognizing our Veterans we have the opportunity to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice fighting for our freedom."

The program will start at 6 p.m. Fireworks will begin at darkness.

The event is free but vehicles will be charged a \$10 parking fee. For more information, please visit www.northhempsteadny.gov or call 311 or (516) 869-6311.

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