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Neighbors Help ‘Shed the Meds’ *Clean Out Medicine Cabinets, Keep the Environment Clean*



Legislator D'Amaro joins Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs in accepting unused and unwanted medications at a recent North Babylon Library “Shed the Meds” event

(NORTH BABYLON, NY... April 2, 2013) -- Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-North Babylon) and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department recently gave community members the

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opportunity to safely hand over their unused or expired medications for proper disposal by hosting a "Shed the Meds" event at the North Babylon Public Library.

A steady stream of local residents participated in the March 6 program, designed to keep unwanted medications out of the hands of potential abusers and away from the groundwater. Two Suffolk County deputy sheriffs accepted the medications during the two-hour event. Due to the program's success, another is being planned for the future. Residents who missed the event and have medications in need of disposal are encouraged to bring them to any Suffolk County police precinct, 24 hours a day for placement in anonymous drop boxes. Medications should be removed from their prescription bottles and placed in a plastic bag. Locally, drop-off locations are as follows:

First Precinct, Route 109, West Babylon

Second Precinct, 1071 Park Avenue, Huntington

"Prescription drug misuse continues to rise, and we have to remain vigilant to protect both our residents and the environment," Legislator D'Amaro said. "I would like to thank the North Babylon residents for coming out and supporting this event and both the Sheriff's Department and North Babylon Library for being such accommodating hosts."

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Suffolk County Legislator Lou D'Amaro represents the 17th Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington, Huntington Station, South Huntington, Melville, West Hills, Cold Spring Hills, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is chairman of the Ways & Means committee and vice chairman of both the Parks & Recreation and Economic Development & Energy committees of the Suffolk County Legislature.