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SHREWSBURY – The Town of Shrewsbury will hold its annual prescription take back day on Saturday, April 29, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Shrewsbury Senior Center, 98 Maple Avenue in Shrewsbury. Residents are encouraged to safely discard their unwanted, unused or expired medications as a means to curb substance use or theft as well as reduce the impact on our environment.

“I encourage residents to take advantage of the program and am pleased to lend the assistance of Lieutenant James Lonchidas to help organize this effort in cooperation with the Worcester Division of Public Health and Central Massachusetts Regional Public Health Alliance, of which Shrewsbury is a member” said Shrewsbury Police Chief James Hester.

“Drug take back days are quick and easy ways to get rid of over the counter and prescription drugs no longer needed or expired. I am grateful to the public health partnerships and the Shrewsbury Police for working together to remove unwanted medications from homes, which in turn lessens the opportunity for potential mis-use of drugs” stated State Representative Hannah Kane.

“We are pleased to collaborate with the Town of Shrewsbury to provide an opportunity for the community to properly dispose of their over the counter or prescription drugs. Two-thirds of teens who report abuse of prescription medicine are getting them from friends, family and acquaintances” according to Karyn E. Clark, Director of Public Health for the City of Worcester and the Central MA Regional Public Health Alliance.

Since 2013, Shrewsbury Police have collected over 750 lbs of medication through community program. This service is free of charge and no questions asked. Sharps will not be accepted.

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