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Scores Of Mt. Pleasant Residents "Shed Their Meds"

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Mt. Pleasant, NY - The weather refused to cooperate, shifting from stormy to steamy, but that didn't deter conscientious residents in Mount Pleasant from responding to Senator Terrence Murphy's offer to "shed their meds."

Now in its third year, Senator Murphy's successful drug take-back program, "Shed the Meds" helps residents dispose of their outdated prescription drugs and keeps children, adults, and seniors safe. Shed the Meds made its summer debut at the Mount Pleasant Town Hall on

June 28, sponsored by Senator Murphy in partnership with the Town of Mt. Pleasant, the Mt. Pleasant Police Department, and the Thornwood Lions.

"The drug crisis is insidious; it has crept into every community and is endangering the safety of our families," said Senator Murphy. "Most people don't know what to do with their expired or excess drugs. 'Shed the Meds' is a safe, efficient way to dispose of prescription drugs that could wind up harming our children or polluting our waterways."



"This is the third year we have hosted 'Shed the Meds' in Mount Pleasant," said Mt. Pleasant Town Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi. "It remains a valuable service that is appreciated by the community. Anything we can do to get these medications off the streets helps protect our families."

Paul Oliva, Chief of Police for Mt. Pleasant added. "I think this is a fantastic program. It gives people an outlet to get rid of potentially hazardous drugs in their home that could harm their loved ones or wind up in the wrong hands. This is a good step forward in helping to fight the opioid crisis."

Safe disposal helps protect the environment and eliminates the risk of these drugs getting into the hands of small children or those who might misuse them. Improper disposal of medications, such as pouring them down the drain or flushing them down the toilet, can potentially pollute local waterways.

Future "Shed the Meds" events will be held this summer in Somers, Yorktown and Carmel and will be announced in the near future.