

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on October 23, 2021

By Holly Steinke

The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch will host a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day location on Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Woodlands Township front parking lot, 2801 Technology Forest Blvd. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) representatives with support from Montgomery County Sheriff's Office personnel will be present to anonymously collect expired and unwanted prescriptions and over the counter medications for safe disposal. The event helps prevent accidental overdose, theft, misuse and accidental ingestion of these medications.

Persons dropping off medications should follow the directional signs to the drop-off boxes and remain with their vehicle during drop-off.

According to protocols provided by the DEA, "participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directing into the disposal box. If an original container is submitted, the individual should be encouraged to remove any identifying information from the prescription label." Also, "liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The depositor should ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage."

Medications will only be accepted during the scheduled event time. No items may be dropped off before or after the event. "Sharps" (items with needles) are not scheduled to be collected. For information on disposal of needles or syringes for household use, please visit the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) website for instructions at: www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/gi/gi-418.html.

Additionally, Year-Round Drug Disposal locations may be found by zip code at <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>. Keep in mind, the closest location may not be in The Woodlands and may require you to go inside a specified pharmacy to drop off your medications at their approved kiosk.

Here are some websites for more information about drugs and the dangers they may cause when not used as prescribed:

- Get Smart About Drugs – DEA site – www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov
- Just Think Twice – DEA site – www.justthinktwice.gov

For more information about The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch, call 281-210-3800, visit the website at www.thewoodandstownship-tx.gov/neighborhoodwatch or follow at www.facebook.com/townshipneighborhoodwatch.



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National Night Out: Neighborhood Parties

By Kristin Pternitis

The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch invites everyone to join together with their neighbors on Sunday, October 3, 2021, from 3 to 6 p.m., for National Night Out. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime efforts, and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Residents are asked to lock their doors and gather with your neighbors. When your neighborhood participates in National Night Out it accomplishes one of the first steps in crime prevention “neighbor knowing neighbor”.

Take this opportunity to send a message that your neighborhood is united against crime. How you celebrate is up to you. It can be as simple as providing popsicles, or as elaborate as playing games and hosting a barbecue. All you need to do is gather your neighbors and participate! For full information, please visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/nationalnightout. Please like and follow Township Neighborhood Watch on Facebook for more National Night Out event information at www.facebook.com/townshipneighborhoodwatch.

*NEW THIS YEAR:

Selfie with a Cop Photo Contest

- Snap a selfie with a cop anytime during your National Night Out neighborhood party on October 3, 2021.
- Post your selfie on Facebook and/or Instagram with the hashtag #NationalNightOutTheWoodlands on October 3, 2021, by 11:59 p.m.
- Check back on The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch Facebook page on October 4, 2021, to see if you won.
- 2 winners will be selected, good luck!

Reminders:

Food Drive Drop Off Week of October 4 – 8, 2021

Military Items Drop Off Week of October 4 – 8, 2021

ID Burglar Forms Due October 4, 2021

Theme Party and Sidewalk Chalk Photos Due October 4, 2021

Final attendance numbers due October 15, 2021; please email your Program Specialist.



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