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National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is April 29

When: Saturday, April 29, 2017

Where: Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce and multiple police departments throughout Hancock County

What: free and anonymous prescription drug drop off

HANCOCK COUNTY – National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is taking place on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce located at 163 High Street.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Office is hosting their Drug Take-Back Day in collaboration with Ellsworth Police Department, Healthy Acadia and the Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce, and community members are encouraged to bring in any unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs for this free, anonymous service.

The following police departments are hosting Drug Take-Back events from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 29th:

- Bar Harbor
- Bucksport
- Mt. Desert
- Southwest Harbor
- Gouldsboro

According to Sheriff Scott Kane, "This drug take back will allow citizens to drop off any unwanted, unused, or outdated medications that they may have in their possession. The medications can be dropped off at participating locations, and they will be disposed of safely with no danger to the citizens or the environment.

For additional disposal opportunities, the Hancock County Sheriff's Office and the Bar Harbor, Bucksport, Ellsworth, Mount Desert, and Southwest Harbor Police Departments



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all have prescription drug drop boxes located in their lobbies. In addition, there is a new prescription drop box on the campus of Blue Hill Memorial Hospital, located in the lobby of the Sussman Medical Building. All boxes are accessible during regular business hours and some are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Drop boxes cannot take needles, epinephrine pens, or other sharps.

For more information about National Drug Take Back Day, please contact the Hancock County Sheriff's Office at 667-7575 or your local law enforcement department. Healthy Acadia is honored to continue its collaboration with local police departments and the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, to prevent substance misuse and ensure safe drug disposal.

If you would like more information on safe disposal efforts, educational materials, or more information about Healthy Acadia's substance prevention efforts, visit www.healthyacadia.org or contact Denise Black at 667-7171 or denise@healthyacadia.org.

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