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Drug Take Back event scheduled in Howard County Saturday, April 11

New, permanent disposal boxes also will be unveiled in three locations

Howard County Police Department and HC Drug Free are teaming up to hold the next Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at nine locations throughout the county. The police department also is announcing the installation of three permanent disposal boxes at the two district police stations and a community center in Cooksville.

Drug Take Back events, like the one on April 11, allow residents to dispose of unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications safely and anonymously. The new permanent boxes will be fixtures maintained by the police department that will allow residents to drop off unwanted medications 365 days a year.

Studies show that two-thirds of teens who abuse prescription drugs are getting them from cabinets in the home. This program offers the community an environmentally-safe option to reduce the abuse and misuse of medication.

April 11 Drop Off Locations:

- **HC DrugFree, Wilde Lake Village Center**, 5305 Village Center Drive, Columbia 21044
- **Harper's Choice Community Policing Office**, 5485 Harpers Farm Road, Columbia 21044
- **Long Reach Community Policing Office**, 8775 Cloudleap Court, Columbia 21045
- **Oakland Mills Community Policing Office**, 5820 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia 21045
- **Owen Brown Community Policing Office**, 7154 Cradlerock Way, Columbia 21045
- **North Laurel Community Policing Office**, 9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel 20723
- **Howard County Police Northern District**, 3410 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City 21043
- **Howard County Police Southern District**, 11226 Scaggsville Road, Laurel 20723
- **Gary Arthur Community Center**, 2400 Route 97, Cooksville 21723

After April 11, the new permanent drop-off boxes will be maintained by Howard County Police at the Northern District, Southern District and Gary Arthur Community Center locations. One of the three boxes was donated by CVS Pharmacy through the company's "Medication Disposal for Safer Communities Program" to help remove unwanted, unused or expired medications from the community in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

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