

**Assemblyman  
Ed Ra and  
Senator  
Kemp Hannon  
are asking for  
your help to**

# **SHED the MEDS**

**With Sanitary District #6 and Carey Dad's Club**

**Sunday, September 22**

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Town of Hempstead Special Sanitation District #6  
80 Cherry Valley Avenue, West Hempstead**

**Event will be held rain or shine and supervised  
by the Nassau County Police Department.**

**Drop off any expired or unwanted medication and it will be collected and  
safely disposed of by officers from the Nassau County Police Department.**

**Disposing of medication improperly, such as flushing it down a toilet or  
pouring it down the drain, can lead to pollution in the water we drink. Safe  
disposal helps protect our health and keeps prescription drugs away from  
young children or others who might use them improperly.**

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# Assemblyman Ed Ra: Leading the Fight to Curb Prescription Drug Abuse

## **REDUCING THE SUPPLY TO SAVE LIVES:**

To reduce the amount of prescription drugs on the street, Assemblyman Ra helped create the I-STOP program to prevent “doctor shopping” by giving pharmacists access to the state’s real time Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Doctor shopping occurs when an individual visits multiple practitioners in an attempt to receive a prescription for controlled substances for either personal use or street sale.

## **EXPANDING CARE:**

In 2011, Assemblyman Ra helped pass the Good Samaritan Act, which allows individuals to seek out medical care for someone who is experiencing a drug or alcohol overdose without fear of arrest. This legislation will help ensure that those who are abusing drugs can get the treatment they need.

## **A PRESCRIPTION FOR SAFETY:**

Theft of prescription drugs through the mail has contributed to the influx of dangerous drugs finding their way onto our streets. That’s why Assemblyman Ra passed legislation to restrict health insurers from mandating the use of mail-order pharmacies.

