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2017 Drug Take Back Presentation

Lee's Summit Drug Take Back Day was held on April 29, 2017 for the responsible disposal of medication.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. The DEA cites studies indicating that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. Lee's Summit residents were encouraged dispose of medications responsibly and safely by taking them to one of four convenient collection sites from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. By disposing of medication through this program, our water supply is kept clean.

Officers from the Lee's Summit Police Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Office were on hand to accept medication at these Lee's Summit locations:

- Lee's Summit Police Department: 10 NE Tudor Road
- Jackson County Sheriff's Office: 4001 NE Lakewood Court
- Lee's Summit Medical Center Main Entrance: 2100 SE Blue Parkway
- Saint Luke's East Diagnostic Center: 100 NE Saint Luke's Blvd.

Partners in this endeavor include:

- Lee's Summit CARES
- Lee's Summit Police Department
- Lee's Summit Water Department
- Jackson County Sheriff's Office, and
- Jackson County COMBAT

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of two City staff with Character Coins: Miranda Landstra with the Water Department and Nigel Woodberry from the Communications Department, for going above and beyond their job descriptions to create the Take-Back video.

Results of the event will be announced at the meeting.

For residents that were not able to participate on April 29, they can drop off medications year-round at permanent medication drop boxes in the lobbies of the Police and Sheriff's offices and in the Emergency Rooms of both Lee's Summit hospitals.