

## **MELROSE PARK POLICE OFFER SAFE DISPOSAL METHOD FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

**The Melrose Park Police Department has partnered with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to offer residents a safe and convenient method for disposing of unused and unwanted prescription medications. These types of drugs pose a danger within the home. They may become the source of an accidental poisoning or overdose. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, most abused prescription drugs are obtained from friends and family. Disposing of these drugs by throwing them in the trash or flushing them down the toilet may pose health/safety and environmental risks.**



**In order to provide a preferable alternative for the disposal of these drugs, a secure collection box has been placed in the lobby of the Melrose Park Police Department. "Our residents may now safely dispose of unwanted drugs by simply placing them inside of the collection box in our station," stated Director of Police Sam Pitassi. "This is another way we can assist our residents and promote drug safety within the home," said Pitassi.**

**The secure collection box is available to residents for unwanted medications 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please do not place garbage, food, bio-hazardous waste or sharps in the collection box. If you have any questions, you may call the police desk at 708-344-8409.**