



*Creating Peace Whenever and Wherever Possible*

## Peaceful Coalition Newsletter

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### Welcome

Welcome to the seventh newsletter of the Peaceful Coalition!

Coming off a great 2011 summer, we are looking forward to an amazing 2011-2012 school year! A lot of planning took place this month to launch some exciting initiatives this year. As always, stay updated on our website at [www.PeacefulCoalition.org](http://www.PeacefulCoalition.org). Thank you for reading!

### Activities

#### **Peaceful Coalition Boys and Girls Groups Launch**

Both Peaceful Coalition Boys and Girls Groups launched today! It was exciting to see old and new faces, reflect on challenges and successes from the summer and previous school year, and set our goals high for the year to come. We look forward to many exciting activities, events, trainings, and meetings ahead!

#### **Open Gym**

Peaceful Coalition is excited about open gym! CD Rec continues to host Friday night open gym, while B.M.C. Durfee High School hosts an open gym Tuesday night as well. We look forward to additional opportunities ahead to engage in safe and fun activities in our community after school hours!

#### **PC Members Participate in Regional Peace Initiative**

Peaceful Coalition members traveled to Brockton, MA to continue a regional discussion regarding working to decrease and prevent violence in our cities. Youth presented their experiences and ideas as a means to share thoughts and brainstorm working together in the future. We look forward to upcoming events, including returning to Brockton for a Peace March, as a way to work together to create peace on a larger scale through the Shannon initiative!

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## **Peaceful Coalition Members Participate in Study**

Peaceful Coalition members participated in a study performed by the Crime and Justice Institute, the Local Action Research Partner for the Fall River Shannon Community Safety Initiative. CJI provides research support, conduct analysis, and documents the initiative. Peaceful Coalition members were enthused to share their experiences related to Fall River, violence, gang activity, and more as a means to creating a better understanding of the underlying issues in our city and what measures can be taken to ultimately create a safer, healthier city.

## **Announcements**

*Keep checking in with Peaceful Coalition! We have some amazing plans around the corner and can't wait to share it all with you!*

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