

IT'S WORTH IT.

D.A.Y. Council Meeting Minutes Dec. 8, 2015

Attending: Karol Regan, Lisa Ott, Lorri Hahn, Detective Martina Jakober, Officer Marilisa Annania, Noreen Tucker, Dana Hilmer.
Student leaders: Danielle Ott, Jane Marchand, Gabby Palumbo, Anthony Slate, Dana Shelton, Karley Krickmier and Emily Letourneau

P&Z Hearing - Dec. 16 - 7:30pm

OUR GOAL: NO ZONING for Medical Marijuana Dispensary and/or Production Facility in Guilford.

- We need your help! This is our LAST hearing.
 - **Please attend the hearing and show your support. Our goal is to have 75+ supporters at the hearing. Please wear purple.** Details about the event AND also our key issues are on attached flyer.
 - **DETAILS:**
 - Next Wed., December 16th, 7:30 pm
 - Guilford Community Center
 - Upstairs, Menunkatuck Room
 - **Please obtain signatures for the petition.** It would be amazing if every council member could get a page of signatures. The petition is attached. Please bring petitions to Dana Hilmer at Guilford Youth & Family Service office (36 Graves Avenue) by Wed. Dec. 16. Thank you!!

DAY Week

- The student leaders shared their ideas for DAY Week, a week in March that will, as Danielle shared, “one up” the Project Purple initiative and will include the entire community. Some of the ideas discussed are having creative games held throughout the week with the week’s activities culminating at an assembly at GHS. Activities at Adams and perhaps the elementary schools will also be included. A video will also be created with students completing the affirmative statement “I am...” with a video finale of a group stating, “I’m worth it!” It was also mentioned that they’d like to include community leaders sharing why they value the kids in the community.

Guilford Courier Articles

- Discussed the fact that we have a nice open door with the Guilford Courier to submit an article every month. Ideas discussed: An end –of-year review, a article series of some sort, and of course an article or series promoting the upcoming DAY Week. Dana and Lorri Hahn to discuss further.

Community Values Youth

- **Fall Festival:** It was held at Adams on Oct. 28 for about 15 kids. Pizza was served and gymnasium activities were enjoyed.
- **Winter Festival:** A Make Your Own Sundae party to be held after school (early dismissal) at 1:00 p.m. on Feb. 24th at the Community Center. DAY members are invited to assist in making the sundaes, please let Dana know if you are available to help out).

PCA

- On Oct. 28th PCA trainer Eric led an inspiring workshop for 50+ Guilford Basketball Coaches at their season kick-off event. We gave away PCA books to attendees (*Elevating Your Game* and *Power of Double Goal Coaching*) and provided pizza, cookies and refreshments

Nick Kruczek Memorial Skate

- D.A.Y. was very pleased to support the 3rd Annual Memorial Alumni Skate to honor the life of Nick Kruczek and to raise awareness about drug abuse. We promoted the event and garnered a Sue Kruczek Person of the Week article in The Courier and The Source as well as coverage in The Patch. At the event we gave It's Worth IT t-shirts to all the players and disseminated D.A.Y. material. A wonderful event to be a part of!

CAPP Feb. 10th Legislative Event, Pot Politics 101: Debunking the Myths of the Inevitability of Marijuana Legislation in CT. and legislative boot camp on Dec. 10.

- **The boot camp** will give attendees the opportunity to identify their senator and legislators, learn how to effectively approach and present to them and help participants create a game plan for how they will conduct their effort for the Feb. 10th legislative event. Attendees will take their learnings back to their respective communities and train their council members. Vinny Candelora, Republican representative, will provide us with his insights.
- **The Feb. 10th event** will include a press conference honoring both Vinny Candelora and Sean Scanlon for championing health in CT and of course our concerns about marijuana and will be followed by a rally (assuming adequate attendance) and meetings with legislators. Our goal is to have 80+ attendees and we are asking every CT coalition to rally both adult and student leaders to join us for the day.

5-year planning

- We are beginning our planning for the next 5 years and as a part of that process we will be conducting a focus group and survey in the high school. Dana to provide proposed questions to Lisa who will then share with Mr. Misenti to seek approval. Our goal is to conduct both the survey and focus group prior to the holiday break. If not possible we will do the first half of January.

Community Leaders Meeting.

- We had our first of our now bi-monthly Community Leaders at GHS on Monday, Nov. 16th. The meeting was very well attended and we discussed the challenges we face, DAY week and some ideas including Bo's Life Lessons. Our goal is bring to together leaders in the various community sectors to truly embrace and take ownership of being a part of the solution. It takes a village.... Our next Meeting will be Monday, January 11 at 11:00 at GHS.

Lifelix Race

- We will be collaborating in some way with LifeLinx for the LifeLinx 5k Road Race in May. An idea shared is to color the race purple by throwing purple powder on runners. A meeting will be set in January to meet with Lifelix and discuss ideas.

2016 Meeting Dates

- D.A.Y. Coalition – Guilford Community Center, room TBA
 - Tues. Mar. 8 – 4pm
 - Tues. June 14 – 4pm
 - Tues. Sept. 13 – 4pm
 - Tues. Dec. 13 – 4pm
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- D.A.Y. Executive Committee Meetings – GY&FS
 - Tues. Jan 12 – 4pm
 - Tues. Feb. 9 – 4pm
 - Tues. Apr. 19 – 4pm
 - Tues. May 10 – 4pm
 - Tues. July 12 – 4pm
 - Tues. Aug. 16 – 4pm
 - Tues. Oct. 11 – 4pm
 - Tues. Nov. 8 – 4pm