

### Summer 2016 Newsletter

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# **Youth Project**

In a collaborative effort among YouthBuild, RE-Creation's Outreach Program and AHA! Fall River descended upon Old Second Street as part of the renovations of the historical brickway located behind the Academy Building. The group recycled spindles and pallets into furniture. Great work!







## FRYVP and Other Community Representatives Meet with Lt. Governor Polito

Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito joined Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Peter McCarthy, members of his board, and representatives of about a dozen Fall River organizations for a Community Conversation at the Club on July 14, 2016. The visit was part of a day in which the official met with the Fall River and New Bedford Chambers of Commerce and attended the opening of the new Sbrega Health and Sciences Building at Bristol Community College. The Conversation covered a wide range of topics and opened with the Lt. Governor asking four high school student who work as staff members of the Club about future educational and employment opportunities in the Greater Fall River Area. Then, as she went around the room, she asked people to express their concerns about a variety of issues related to youth, employment, and health and human services. Many commented about the central role that the Boys and Girls Club plays in the lives of young people in Fall River, many of whom do not have the family resources that can help them succeed.











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#### Fall River Police and Public Palooza

In an effort to foster unity and to show the public the men and women behind the blue uniforms, Fall River Police Chief Daniel Racine invited the public to a "Police and Public Palooza" event at Britland Park behind the police station on July 29, 2016. Starting at 4:00 p.m. about fifty officers were on hand to meet with a nearly equal number of local residents to enjoy some free pizza donated by Domino's Pizza South Main Street and a variety of activities including three-on-three basketball, a bounce house, face painting and the chance for youngsters to try on police equipment, see the police dog, and pose for photos in the driver's seat of a police cruiser. "The reason for this event, with of all of the tragic events happening around the country, . . .we thought we should get together and support the good community policing, the good community relations that already exist here in Fall River, Massachusetts" stated Chief Racine. His remarks were followed by remarks and prayers by Chaplains Sgt. Silva and Cantor Wolberg and remarks by Mayor Jasiel Correia II, State Senator Michael Rodrigues and Representatives Alan Silvia and Carole Fiola.





















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# School Community Partnership Kicks off School Year with FRPD Gang Presentation

The Greater Fall River School Community Partnership kicked off the 2016-2017 school year with its first meeting on September 27th at Diman Regional High School. The Fall River Police Department provided its gang presentation to over 50 school and community agency representatives.





# Mayor's Youth Council Kicks off with an Information Session

Youth from across the city and its schools gathered to receive more information about the resurrection of the Fall River Mayor's Youth Council. It promises to be an exciting initiative to have our youth more involved in the development of our city's future!



Please remember to email <a href="mailto:FRYouthViolencePrevention@gmail.com">FRYouthViolencePrevention@gmail.com</a> with any information for the Fall River Youth Violence Prevention website, newsletter, and Facebook page. Thank you!