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## Summer of Peace Youth Rally is Friday

The 9th Annual **Summer of Peace** Youth Rally will take place tomorrow (Friday, July 29) at North Division High School field, 1011 W. Center St., **Alderman Milele A. Coggs** said.

**The event will kick off with a news conference at 9 a.m. Friday in front of the Holton Youth & Family Center (HYFC), 510 E. Burleigh St.**

Alderman Coggs praised the rally's organizers and encouraged public support and participation in Friday's event. "It is more important today than ever before that as a community we stress to young people ways of solving problems and dealing with issues without resorting to any form of violence," she said.

Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr., whose 15<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District includes North Division High School, said the event provides a positive outlet for young people. "I really appreciate what the rally is all about, and I commend the young people for their efforts toward peace," he said.

At approximately 9:30 a.m. a PEACE Parade will depart the HYFC and march south on N. Holton St. to W. Center St., and west to N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., stopping at the CYD Victory Over Violence Park prior to continuing west on Center St. to North Division.

For the past nine years the Summer of Peace Initiative has provided a platform for young people to explore and express solutions to quality of life issues, especially the levels of violence in their communities. Go to [www.summerofpeace.ning.com](http://www.summerofpeace.ning.com) for updates and information.

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