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## Summer of Peace Youth Rally is Friday

The 14th Annual Summer of Peace Youth Rally will take place at 11 a.m. tomorrow (Friday, July 29) at Martin Luther King Peace Place, located at N. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. and W. Ring St., Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs said today.

The event – with the theme “Promote the Positive – will kick off at 10 a.m. Friday with community parades gathering at N. 5<sup>th</sup> and W. Locust (Peace Park & Garden) and at N. 9<sup>th</sup> and W. Ring (We Got This Garden). Parade participants are encouraged to bring posters, family tributes, signs (including signs for organizations) and musical instruments. The positive, family-friendly event will go until 4 p.m. and will also include fun activities, vendors, games, speakers, performances, information/resource tables and dancing.

Alderwoman Coggs praised the rally’s organizers and encouraged public support and participation in Friday’s event. “I commend our young people for their efforts toward peace, and the rally is a positive outlet for them and for the community,” she said.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., the SOP community parades will depart from 5<sup>th</sup> and Locust and 9<sup>th</sup> and Ring and will march to Martin Luther King Peace Place.

For the past 14 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. Groups can pre-register (for free food while supplies last) by email at [summerofpeace@gmail.com](mailto:summerofpeace@gmail.com). Please visit [www.summerofpeace.us](http://www.summerofpeace.us) for more information.

Alderwoman Coggs expressed thanks to the SOP’s sponsors for this year’s event: Heartlove Place, We Got This, Promote the Positive, Running Rebels, TRUE Skool, and Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield.