

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual- [www.WeekendOfPeace.com](http://www.WeekendOfPeace.com)  
2014 PHILADELPHIA WEEKEND OF PEACE**

**DATES:** July 19 through August 2, 2014  
**HIGHLIGHT:** 12:00 noon Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> - Moment of Silence/Reflection for Peace (*all sites*)  
**TIMES/LOCATIONS:** Multiple locations/dates/times throughout the City (*see attached*)

The PURPOSE of the WEEKEND of PEACE is to foster collaboration and access to positive activities throughout the city for its young people - encouraging family participation, neighborly interaction, and constructive engagement among youth, their peers, responsible adults, and the City's resources. This is rapidly expanding into a SUMMER of PEACE, as more communities, groups, and individuals sign on.

A **highlight** of the WEEKEND of PEACE is the series of **Police/Community/Youth Basketball Tournaments** "Who's Got Game" involving the Philadelphia Police Department, Sheriff's Department, SEPTA, and other law enforcement groups at recreation centers throughout the city to nurture positive relationships.

The **culminating activity** of the WEEKEND of PEACE is a **Shared Moment Silence/Reflection for Peace** at each site at noon on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, symbolizing and reinforcing common bonds and shared commitment to peace. Many of the sites will culminate in a rededication to the **Imani Pledge**.

*Whereas in 1974, the youth in the city of Philadelphia took the bold step forward to ensure that following generations would not have to experience the self destruction and agony of gang warfare. We honor them for this and for keeping their word.*

*Whereas inasmuch as our ancestors, parents, teachers, caregivers, elder community members, and others that have shed blood that we might acquire an education. We give our word to refrain from fighting during school, after-school, and inside of school and we encourage those that we know to do the same.*

*Whereas, we, too, are a generation that is proud and want to succeed.*

*On this day, I sign this document to let it be known wherever it needs to be known that I care deeply about our community and will do all in my power to return us to our traditional greatness **Let my word be my bond.***

The WEEKEND of PEACE is facilitated by representatives of recreation centers, community and neighborhood groups, city agencies, and others who meet bi-weekly throughout the year to share resources and plan for a summer without violence in their respective areas. The WEEKEND OF PEACE evolved from a series of youth and police/community basketball tournaments hosted at several Rec Centers. **The events planned from July 19–August 2, 2014 promote free, community-based, youth-oriented family activities** - including basketball tournaments **between the Community and officers from SEPTA and the Police, Fire, Sheriff, and Corrections** departments, job readiness, media literacy and "healing body and mind" workshops, entertainment, book exchanges, mentoring, etc. These independently generated, simultaneously undertaken activities promote solidarity and resources for building personal and intergroup peace throughout the year.

Two dozen sites throughout Philadelphia (and Yeadon) will serve the City's youth and families, engaging residents with the City's Recreation and Police Departments, Philadelphia Human Relations Commission, The Coalition, and other nonprofit and neighborhood groups in building neighborhood solidarity. Residents interact with one another across social, economic, ethnic, and racial lines to reduce barriers and conflict, and build understanding. Positive relationships are developed as access to City resources for constructive youth/family activity is maintained as an alternative to violence and criminal behaviors. Each site engages with its community throughout the year to plan for this.

**FEATURED SITES (see attached for activities/dates/times – with addresses and contacts)**

Simons Rec (Walnut Lane & Woolston)	James L Wright Rec Center (3320 Haverford)
8 <sup>th</sup> and Diamond Rec Center	Schmidt Playground (Howard & Ontario)
Rivera Rec Center (5 <sup>th</sup> & Allegheny)	Tustin Playground (60 <sup>th</sup> & Columbia)
Eastwick Rec (80 <sup>th</sup> & Mars Place)	Cobbs Creek Rec (63 <sup>rd</sup> & Spruce)
Christy Rec (56 <sup>th</sup> & Christian)	Mantua Rec (34 <sup>th</sup> & Haverford)
Rhoads Playground (75 <sup>th</sup> & Lansdowne)	Simpson Rec (Arrott & Large)
Max Myers Rec (Oakland & McGee)	Heitzman Playground (3631 Amber St)
Ferko Playground (J & Cayuga St)	Mitchell Playground (Morrell & Crown St)
Belfield Rec (21 <sup>st</sup> & Chew Ave)	Wm Penn EPIC/Friends Guild (8 <sup>th</sup> & Fairmount)
Wister Playground (4953 Baynton St)	Heritage Rec Center (15 <sup>th</sup> & Clearfield)
Yeadon Community Park (Union & Providence)	James Finnegan Playground (68 <sup>th</sup> & Grovers)
Vare Rec Center (2600 Morris)	Marie Dendy Playground (10 <sup>th</sup> & Oxford)

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
**INVITED: Public – Free**

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**TOURNAMENT SITES and ACTIVITIES (partial listing)**

**IN ADDITION TO THE ACTIVITIES PLANNED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK  
and the “MOMENT OF SILENCE” being observed at NOON on SATURDAY, JULY 26<sup>th</sup>**  
there will be a number of Law Enforcement/Community Youth Basketball Tournaments

**Check out the WEEKEND of PEACE Website ([www.WeekendOfPeace.com](http://www.WeekendOfPeace.com))  
for updates and additional information.**

**WEDNESDAY, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The following Basketball Tournaments between the Community and various Law Enforcement groups will be held on Wednesday evening, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Recreation Center/Playground noted:

<b>Eastwick Youth vs. 12th District Police</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Eastwick Rec Cntr (80<sup>th</sup> &amp; Mars Pl)</b>
<b>Cobbs Creek Youth vs. SEPTA Police</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Cobbs Creek Rec Cntr (63rd &amp; Spruce St)</b>
<b>Christy Youth vs. 18th District Police</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Christy Rec Cntr (56<sup>th</sup> &amp; Christian St)</b>
<b>Christy Youth vs. Phila Corrections Officer</b>	<b>Game II</b>	<b>Christy Rec Cntr (56<sup>th</sup> &amp; Christian St)</b>
<b>James Wright Youth vs. Phila Firefighters</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>James Wright Rec Cntr (34<sup>th</sup> &amp; Haverford Ave)</b>
<b>Simons Youth vs. 33rd &amp; 35th District Police</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Simons Rec Cntr (Woolston &amp; Walnut Ln)</b>
<b>Vare Rec vs. Phila Sheriff's Dept</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Vare Rec Cntr (2600 Morris St)</b>

**THURSDAY, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

The following Basketball Tournaments between the Community and various Law Enforcement groups will be held on Wednesday evening, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Recreation Center/Playground noted:

<b>Simons Youth vs. Phila Sheriff's Dept</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Simons Rec Cntr (Woolston &amp; Walnut Ln)</b>
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**SATURDAY, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The following Basketball Tournaments between the Community and various Law Enforcement groups will be held on Wednesday evening, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Recreation Center/Playground noted:

<b>Dendy Youth vs. Law Enforcement</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Marie Dendy Rec Cntr (10<sup>th</sup> &amp; Oxford)</b>
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