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Building Our Lives Drug-Free

## Holiday Awards & Recognition Event

BOLD is having their second annual  
Holiday Awards & Recognition Event.

It will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2006 @  
the **Marine Museum**. 70 Water Street, Fall River,  
MA 02720.

Special Presentation by Mayor Edward Lambert.

Please R.S.V.P. by Thursday, December 7, 2006 to  
Gail Fernandes @ 508-324-7775 or  
gfernandes@sstar.org

Dinner is served @ 5:00pm  
(\$10 donation required for each additional guest)

## We Hope To See You All There!



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## Drug Paraphernalia: Not Acceptable, Not Legal

Have you seen these items for sale in our area?

- Glass tubes about 4 inches long and the width of a ball point pen with a tiny fake rose or other items inside sold as a “novelty”
- Cigars sold in glass tubes
- Glass items shaped like a pipe
- Very small pipes
- Cigar or “blunt” wraps (with no loose cigar tobacco being sold in the store)
- Paper tobacco wrappers (without a sign stating these cannot be sold to anyone under 18 and/or with no loose tobacco for sale)
- Scrub pads with no other cleaning supplies for sale in the store, or separated from other cleaning

supplies and next to items listed above

These seemingly innocent items are being sold in convenience and gas station stores, and other kinds of retail stores here and around the country. They are used with illegal drugs. The fake roses and cigars inside the tubes are just a cover-up; the cigar wrappers mask the smell of marijuana.

(MA law, 94C, 23I). “No person shall sell, possess with intent to sell... drug paraphernalia, knowing, or under circumstances one reasonably should know, that it will be used to... [in any way] introduce into the human body a controlled substance....”

By selling these items, storeowners are condoning and profiting from

the illegal drug trade. This is not the message we want to send our youth.

Chief Souza and members of the Fall River Police Department would like our help in identifying stores where drug paraphernalia is for sale. We learned about the drug paraphernalia problem and the need for our help through ongoing discussions among staff of the Fall River Police Department and BOLD members.

If you see stores openly selling the items above or you are suspicious that clerks are selling them from out of sight places behind the counter, please call the Fall River Police Non-Emergency Line: **508-676-8511**

If you live in surrounding communities, please report to your community’s police department.



# Happy Holidays!



## Massachusetts Forum

As a member of the BOLD Coalition’s Mission/Vision Committee, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Massachusetts Forum for Creating Healthier Communities Training Program, which was held in Shrewsbury, MA with 8 other members from the Fall River community. This training program started in September and will run through June 2007. In November, the topic was welcoming diversity and building communities. We had two wonderful trainers, Diane Gilman and Joyce Johnson Shabazz, from the National Coalition Building Institute International, Washington, D.C.

This was our third training and I had not yet had the opportunity to meet many of the other students from across the state. There were seven other communities that were

participating in this training. This training was very interactive and got people in the different communities in mixed groups and pairs. The trainers led us through a series of exercises that were truly eye opening and got us to look inside ourselves regarding diversity issues.

The first exercise demonstrated how diversity was much more than culture or race, but religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical abilities/disabilities and more! The class learned a lot about their own teams, the other class members and ourselves!

Throughout the day, we worked in mixed groups to explore subjects such as: the impact of “misinformation”, the impact of internalized oppression and how to create

inclusive teams that represent the community. In each exercise, the trainers shared information about their own experiences and were open and passionate about the subjects. Their sincerity and openness allowed the class to interact openly.

I have attended many trainings on diversity, but have never attended one like this. It not only opened up my thinking that will better serve me in creating diverse, inclusive teams in my work, but enabled me to really “see” my fellow classmates. Many of my classmates shared my feelings and commented that it was a truly memorable experience.

(Jenny Rulison, Executive Director United Neighbors of Fall River Community Connections Coalition)



## Fall River Housing Donations

As a coalition, we are always looking to help local organizations in their effort to better the community. Fall River Housing is trying to upgrade the Community Rooms at all of the Housing Developments. The following Items would help them a great deal in this effort.

- Bookshelves (new or used)
- Books (new or used)- Novels & Children's Books
- Toys (new or used)
- Crayons, Markers, & Paints
- Arts & Crafts Supplies
- Board Games (new or used)
- Children's Furniture (new or used)

Please Note: Used items must be in fairly good condition. If you have any donations or questions, please contact

Joe DaSilva of the Fall River Housing Authority  
tel. 508-675-3527.

# Word Search

C	E	L	E	B	R	A	T	I	O	N
L	O	N	C	S	A	S	H	A	M	A
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A	S	E	K	A	L	F	W	O	N	S
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N	&	H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	S	X
D	R	E	W	Y	L	L	O	H	K	W

## List of Words

Holidays	Family
Celebration	Holly
Community	Snowflakes
Wreath	Mistletoe
Vacation	

## New Newsletter Helps Parents Stay Informed of Teen Issues

Chances are, most parents probably have not heard of "lean" or know how to IM their teen. Now, a new e-newsletter developed by the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign can help parents stay up to date about teen culture and trends, and better informed about the dangers teens could be faced with.

TheAntiDrug.com's *Parenting Tips* newsletter is available for free by subscribing at: [www.theantidrug.com/newsletter.asp](http://www.theantidrug.com/newsletter.asp).

By subscribing to the free e-newsletter, parents and caregivers will receive bi-monthly tips and strategies that provide practical ways they can help keep their teenagers healthy and drug-free.

Recent newsletters include:

- A five-part series on Teens & Technology, with tips on how parents can monitor their teens' use of the Internet and cell phones.
- New research findings and how parents should use the information to keep their teens drug-free.
- Emerging drug trends like "Lean" (a mixture of alcohol and cough syrup), and how parents can identify signs and symptoms of use.

Content for each *Parenting Tips* newsletter is research-based and supplemented by links to more in-depth information on TheAntiDrug.com. Sign up now at [www.theantidrug.com/newsletter.asp](http://www.theantidrug.com/newsletter.asp), and spread the word!

(CADCA's *Coalitions Online*. November 2, 2006)



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# BOLD Calendar



- December 5:** Program Support/Data Subcommittee Mtg. 3:30pm @ SSTAR.
- December 5:** Parenting Wisely @ "Tradewinds Restaurant" Durfee High School @ 6:30pm.
- December 7:** Focus Group with Westport Middle School Parent Association. 12:00 & 6:30pm.
- December 13:** Advisory Board Meeting. 4:00pm @ SSTAR
- December 14:** BOLD Holiday Party. 5:00-8:00pm @ The Marine Museum.
- December 19:** Parenting Wisely @ "Tradewinds Restaurant" Durfee High School @ 6:30pm.
- Parenting Wisely Group Schedule:**  
 December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29.  
 Groups begin at 12:00 & 5:30pm.
- Neighborhood Tobacco Project Meeting Schedule:**  
 December 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, & 29. Group meets 3:00-5:00pm every Monday & Wednesday.

<i>December 2006</i>						
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