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# MYLC Notes



## Drop Dead Day in Stamford

*Event raises awareness of bullying*

“Since bullying is a new issue for us,” said Liz Coughlan, a member of the Mayor Youth Leadership Council’s Executive Committee, “we wanted to do something different to get people’s attention.”

That something was Drop Dead Day. Held at Vet’s Park in Stamford on October 5, the demonstration attracted 59 members of MYLC. “All of us fell dead and remained on the ground for 25 minutes,” said Emily Bajus, another member

of the MYLC Executive Committee. “The 25 minutes represented the percentage of teens in Connecticut who were bullied on school property last year.”

Vet’s Park was the perfect location because it’s a major bus hub that sits at a pretty big intersection.

The most poignant moment of the evening was when a little girl and her father walked over to our demonstration and

handed us a homemade sign. It read “Let’s stop bullying.” Talk about choking up a bit.

We’re using September and October to hold as many activities outdoors as possible. Our focus will shift to schools once the weather turns cold.

*Next up is our annual Candlelight Vigil on Bedford Street on October 13 and the Candles Project on the steps of Old Town Hall on October 20.*