

Coalition Corner

Narragansett - URI Coalition Makes Narragansett a Better Community - For All of Us



Are you looking for an opportunity to contribute to the quality of life in Narragansett's neighborhoods?

With this first installment of "Coalition Corner," we introduce the Narragansett - URI Coalition. The Coalition was formed in early 2000 in response to concerns raised by the Narragansett community about increased college student alcohol use and related problems in their neighborhoods.

The Coalition's mission is to:

- Improve the quality of life in all neighborhoods for both permanent residents and URI renters
- Reduce underage drinking and the harmful consequences of substance abuse
- Increase community awareness, involvement, and support for the Coalition's work

Please join us! The Coalition provides a forum for dialogue among all members of the community. Every meeting is open to the public, and we welcome your participation!

The Coalition is a group of volunteers with diverse interests, including residents, town administrators, police, realtors, alcohol retailers, university administrators, and students. Chief J. David Smith, Narragansett Police Department, and Dr. Thomas Dougan, URI VP for Student Affairs, are co-chairs.

The Coalition is open to all interested parties. *Meetings are the third Tuesday of the month, 7:00PM, at the Narragansett Town Hall.* (February's meeting is on the 21st.)

Membership is informal, and all are welcome to attend.

In future installments of "Coalition Corner," we will provide you with more information about the Coalition and its activities, and we will keep you up to date on our progress in making Narragansett a better community - for all of us.

Look for profiles of our many committed members, a recap of our monthly meeting, and more importantly, the Coalition's outstanding projects and accomplishments.

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