

# NEWSLETTER



## Upcoming Coalition Meetings

*No meetings in the summer, we will see you in September!*

## 2026 Sticker Shock Campaign

In April, the Walpole Prevention Coalition launched its Sticker Shock Campaign, a national underage drinking prevention initiative. The coalition partnered with local businesses to place stickers on takeout bags, windows, and packages, thanking adults for keeping youth alcohol-free. This campaign also worked to strengthen community partnerships.

This year, we had 5 local businesses participate, placing 273 stickers in total! We are so grateful for their support, time and generosity!

### Special Thanks:

Wines & More | Walpole  
99 Restaurant & Pub  
Jalapeños Grill  
Tessie's Bar & Kitchen  
The Raven's Nest



● **Coalition News & Updates**

**Regulation of Synthetic and Synthetically-Derived Variants of Kratom:**

On On April 7, 2026, the Walpole Board of Health unanimously voted to approve a regulation that would prohibit the manufacturing, sale, and distribution of semi-synthetic and synthetic kratom, including products containing elevated 7-OH, in Walpole. The regulation does not apply to natural, raw, or unadulterated kratom products.

This regulation comes after an educational presentation to the Board from DFC program director, follow-up BOH meetings, and lengthy discussions and education among employees in the Walpole Health Department.

**A Parent’s Guide to Having a Safe Summer!**

Summer brings freedom and fun for many youth, but it also can bring an increased risk of substance use. The good news: you can help keep summer safe, fun and healthy!



Potential Summer Risks	Positive Solutions
Boredom	Try something new - volunteer, camp, learn a new skill!
Change of Schedule	Build a modified schedule filled with fun activities!
Parties & Social Gatherings	Make your expectations clear; practice refusal skills; create exit plans.
Isolation	Encourage positive connections with friends and trusted adults.



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