



TOWN OF STRATFORD

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Residents Invited to Join Pinwheels for Peace Celebration

Stratford, Connecticut – Thanks to the initiative and creative vision of a local Girl Scout, Stratford this year will hold its first observance of the International Day of Peace with a whimsical display of homemade pinwheels on the Town Hall grounds, on September 21, 2013.

The date, which is formally recognized by the United Nations as International Day of Peace, is designed to promote peace and to recognize the efforts of those who have worked hard to end conflict.

The organizer of Stratford's first International Day of Peace is Juliette Girl Scout Rachel Sherwood, an eighth grader at Flood Middle School. A Juliette Girl Scout, like Rachel, has completed registration with the Girl Scouts of the United States of America and has no formal connection to a troop, providing more flexibility in scouting experiences.

“If every Girl Scout makes Pinwheels for Peace and brings them to Town Hall on September 21st, it will make a great display outside,” said Rachel. “And, in turn, that display will hopefully remind us all that promoting peace should be in our minds every day.”

Stratford's International Day of Peace ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. with check-in for Girl Scouts on the lawn of Town Hall. At 11:15 a.m., Mayor John A. Harkins will formally proclaim International Day of Peace in Stratford. After selected readings by Girl Scouts, the Pinwheels for Peace will be planted on Town Hall grounds. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved inside Town Hall.

The public is welcome to attend this event. Further information is available at www.pinwheelsforpeace.com.