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## Peace Walk from Roxbury to Jamaica Plain set for Sunday

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A peace walk from Roxbury to Jamaica Plain is scheduled for Sunday afternoon in response to a recent spate of city crime and violence, including a shooting the weekend before Thanksgiving that **killed three and wounded another** at a restaurant in Jamaica Plain's commercial center.

Before the walk, a peace service will be held at noon at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish – one of several Boston churches victimized by **recent break-ins**. At 1:30 p.m., after the service, a group of local residents will journey from the Mission Hill church to Hyde Square in Jamaica Plain, parading down Washington Street, Columbus Ave and Centre Street.

“Acknowledging our responsibility to respond to the persistent violence in our community of Jamaica Plain, many community members felt the need to build our capacity to respond,” said an event invitation.

In mid October, **another community-organized peace walk** was held in Jamaica Plain.

“ Whether we find ourselves in schools, local businesses, research institutions, policy or community organizations, or just simply resting at home we are all affected by the violence that has been occurring in our streets,” the invitation continued. “Therefore, we would like to evoke unity among our community members.”

The goals of Sunday's events are as follows, according to the invitation:

1. Validate and highlight our strength as a community by raising our voice through unity and dignity.
2. Employ and expand peaceful practices.
3. Build networks committed to socio-political justice to action.
4. Refuse to accept gun violence as the norm within our community.
5. Show solidarity with fellow neighbors, parents, businesses, and local organizations.
6. Reclaim our community for our families to reside in and our children to play outdoors.

“Overall, we believe that your support, participation, and insights will be germane to accomplishing these purposes and sincerely hope that you will join the rest of our community on December 12, 2010,” the release said.

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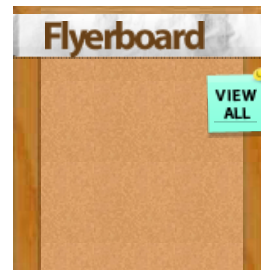
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