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PRESS RELEASE

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - 2011



Beating the Heat! The water slide was a big hit at the Lake Caroline National Night Out celebration.

Cooking it Up - BBQ Style



Perhaps the biggest coordinated cookout in Caroline County history, good food and great times were found at all four National Night Out events.

Pictured here with Lt. Darrell Beazely is John Bissoon and Bryan Farmer of D&J meats cooking up

hotdogs and hamburgers for Bowling Green residents.

A chance to Meet your Candidates



Lake Land'Or hosted its first ever National Night Out Event. It was also the first time that election hopefuls were invited to set up a table and campaign for votes at any NNO event in Caroline County. Among the contenders were those running for the School Board, Commissioner of Revenue,

Sheriff, Board of Supervisors, and Commonwealth's Attorney.

What is National Night Out?

It's America's Night Out Against Crime!

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



Bowling Green - Town Hall

In addition to great food, fire trucks, and good company, residents near Bowling Green got the opportunity to have their vehicle's VIN number etched onto their windows free of charge. All vehicles carry a federally-assigned number known as a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). Making sure those numbers are marked permanently on a vehicle's windows steers thieves away. For thieves, disposing of a vehicle whose windows have been VIN etched means time, trouble and lost profits. That's because the windows of stolen VIN Etched vehicles must be stripped and replaced before a thief can get rid of the car.

H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) is a cooperative effort of the Virginia Department of State Police, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and local law enforcement agencies throughout the Commonwealth.



Lake Caroline - Clubhouse

This community pulled out all the stops for its first time participation in the National Night Out program. Children of all ages had their choice of tractor-train rides, a moon bounce, a water slide, face painting, a refreshing swimming pool, and plenty of good food cooked up by local BBQ legend Bill Green. All event locations, including Lake Caroline, had at least one Caroline County Sheriff's Office patrol car on display and a uniformed Deputy to answer questions, meet the public, and offer safety tips. Music, provided by "Somebeach Larry", played in the background as neighbors enjoyed casual conversation, good spirits and great times.



Ladysmith Village - Residents' Club

This was the third consecutive year that Ladysmith Village has participated in National Night Out. And once again, it was a big success. Ladysmith Volunteer Fire Co. had their Tower 2, a 2000 Pierce Sky-Arm, on display as emergency personnel offered safety tips and got better acquainted with their neighbors. While the kids were enjoying the oversized moon bounce, adults were being entertained by "Low Voltage", who pleased the crowd with live music. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments, beautiful surroundings, and inviting atmosphere that Ladysmith Village has become well known for.



Lake Land'Or - Clubhouse

The sound of children happily playing in the background was a constant reminder of what National Night Out is all about - community safety. The Lake Land'Or community came together for a real treat on August 2nd as they participated in their first ever National Night Out event. The buffet style food, prepared by Lakeside Grill, was a big hit as young and old alike formed a constant dinner line for most of the evening. Upper Caroline Fire Co. provided emergency vehicles for everyone to admire and McGruff "The Crime Dog" stopped by to see all the kids. Encouraged by event organizers, both incumbents and hopeful candidates alike were busy campaigning and handing out campaign pamphlets and goodies.

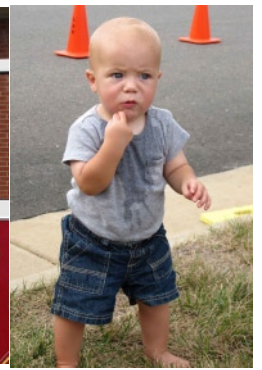
A Message from the Sheriff.....

“The Caroline County Sheriff’s Office would like to thank all of the volunteers who came out again this year in support of the CCSO’s 2011 National Night Out campaign. The success and growth of this event is due in large part to those citizens who continue to generously give back to their community.

The residents of Bowling Green, Lake Caroline, Lake Land’Or, and Ladysmith Village should be very proud of the fine example they have provided to the rest of the County. I would highly encourage other communities to follow their lead and launch their own event next year. Please notify your Caroline County Sheriff’s Office if you would like us to assist you with organizing this event in your community.

I would also like to offer a special thank you to the thousands of residents of Caroline County and to all members of local government who came out in support of this great, nationally recognized event.”

Sheriff Tony Lipka



More Memories from National Night Out 2011.....

