

HOA #1 neighbors enjoy their third annual National Night Out

Residents of HOA #1 celebrated their third annual National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 5, which was part of a nationwide event when neighbors come together to socialize and invite local first-responders and city officials to join them.

HOA #1 provided hot dogs, buns and condiments, and guests brought appetizers, salads or desserts. The event has been held each year at the home of Jan Bartlett, who has a spacious garage and almost-flat driveway along with several long folding tables and chairs, and neighbors brought more tables, chairs, umbrellas and a large canopy for protection from the sun.

About 35 people attended, including a couple of guests of residents.

According to Maddie Bauer, community engagement coordinator for the City of Tigard/Police Department, more than 1,000 Tigard residents attended 27 National Night Out parties across the city. City officials used a divide-and-conquer approach to visit all the events, each one attending a few events and riding along with police officers to the various venues. Tigard City Council President Maureen Wolf came to the HOA #1 event and talked to various residents about city issues and answered questions.

Three Tigard police officers came to the event, as did two Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue volunteer crews, although the second crew had to rush off to respond to a wild-land fire.

The event was supposed to run from 5 to 7 p.m., but many folks stayed later to chat some more and then help with the clean-up.

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