

# National Night Out... Now a West Neck Tradition



Some of Virginia Beach's Finest

On August 3rd, more than 160 residents from West Neck, together with several representatives from the Virginia Beach Police Department, joined together for West Neck's Third Annual National Night Out. This event, held nationwide, drew over 36 million people for National Night Out in 2009. Our host for the evening was our Head of Neighborhood Watch, Bob Kolin.



The annual event has proven to be an effective and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer community. This year's program included prevention information on elder abuse, questions about neighborhood watch and the way to handle suspicious people or vehicles driving in our community.



The evening included light hors d'œuvres, soft drinks and water -- all provided and staffed by members of the West Neck Social Committee.



Bari Grohler & Bruce Rader



Barbara Henley

Our main sponsor, Beltone Hearing Aids, provided a keychain-flashlight for each attendee, along with dinner for two in the raffle. Beltone's President, Bari Grohler, helped to draw for the prizes. Several business owners in our area provided a great variety of great raffle gifts to show their support for our community. The donors are listed below. We thank each of them for their generosity and participation. We were pleased to have in attendance Barbara Henley, our Representative for the Princess Anne District. She was introduced by George Davis, General Manager of Village Hall & Pool.

Special thanks to Bruce Rader, Director of Sports for WAVY-TV10, for making an appearance and for his impromptu and moving address to the residents. Bruce has become a "staple" of our event, attending last year, as well. With a little coaxing, we might get him back again next year. For those who didn't attend, you missed a great time to be with your neighbors. Hope to see you next year!

For many more pictures of the event visit the online Bonus section at [villagenewsva.com](http://villagenewsva.com).

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