

# On Call

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## Arlington's In The House

The Arlington Police Department was in the house at the City of Arlington's Third Annual Homeownership Fair on July 21 at the Arlington Convention Center.

The free event provided valuable information about city services, programs, and affordable housing opportunities. Attendees were able to meet with exhibitors, including mortgage lenders, real estate agents, housing specialists, state and federal agencies, home improvement experts and other housing industry professionals.

Officer Kimberly Fretwell gave residents and potential residents information about the community watch program, COP and National Night Out, and made a presentation on home safety. Eve Inman, from the Records department, joined her and educated the public on the city's alarm policies and guidelines. There was even a game truck for the kids!

"The third annual City of Arlington Homeownership fair continues to advance our priority to champion great neighborhoods by encouraging residents and prospective homebuyers to achieve their dream of homeownership in The American Dream City," Deputy City Manager Jim Parajon said.

It was a great day of education and fun for everyone!



## Community Watch Group Is On The Trail



This month, the South District had the opportunity to spend time with the newest Community Watch Group, Western Trails. The coordinators worked diligently for weeks on innovative ways to gather neighbors to have their first meeting. Western Trails' first meeting was a huge success, with a great turnout from the neighborhood. The group was able to organize several guest speakers from the City of Arlington.

"I believe this was by far the most informative and successful first meeting that I have ever had the opportunity to participate in," said Officer Timothy Hayden. "It's Community Watch Groups like Western Trails that ensures we will have a safe city and strong community partners."

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## Las Lomas Summer Bash

Community policing is often an aspect of policing that is overlooked, but it is extremely important to build strong and lasting relationships with the community. The East District held a Summer Bash at Las Lomas Apartments to bring the residents together and so that they could meet officers from the beat, as well as specialized units.

Approximately 50 residents attended the Summer Bash. Officers from the East District, Mounted Unit, Gang Unit, East HEAT, Domestic Crimes Unit, Crime Prevention, and Media attended. Other attendees included Victims' Assistance, Fire Department, and the Arlington Hispanic Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (AHCPCAAA). There were many vendors and other community members who also provided their services at the event, including Jesus Zayas, an AISD teacher who DJ'd, Kona Ice, Rolling Video Games sponsored by Stealth Monitoring, AHCPCAAA with face painting and balloon animals, and Mission Arlington with a soccer cage and bounce house.



This event could not be possible without the teamwork of the department and the community together to make the Las Lomas Summer Bash a success. It is the hope of the district that this event helped the residents of the apartment complex feel more comfortable with the police department and calling the police when they need help, to help reduce crime in the neighborhood, and to build a better relationship amongst residents and the police department.



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