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ARLINGTON WINS FIRST PLACE IN 2024 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AWARDS

The National Association of Town Watch announced that Arlington received first place in its 2024 National Night Out Awards program, which recognizes communities for outstanding participation and engagement during the annual event.

The Arlington PD Crime Prevention Unit is in charge of organizing NNO every year. They host events, gather donations, and help register and organize parties. This recent award marks the second consecutive year and the fourth time in five years (2020, 2021, 2023, 2024) that Arlington has taken top honors for cities with a population of 300,000+. Arlington has placed in the Top 3 nationally every year since 2015.



Arlington neighborhoods, businesses, and community organizations hosted more than 175 NNO parties throughout the city this year. A Texas-sized THANK YOU to everyone who participated in 2024 -- and we can't wait to do it again in 2025!!

Don't Let Thieves Steal Your Joy This Holiday Season

PREVENT HOLIDAY MAIL THEFT

PREVENTION TIPS:

- **Collect Mail Promptly:** Retrieve mail soon after delivery.
- **Use a Locked Mailbox:** Install a secure mailbox.
- **Opt for a PO Box:** Consider a post office box for valuable mail.
- **Hold Your Mail:** Use the USPS "Hold Mail" service when traveling.
- **Use Informed Delivery:** Sign-up for previews of incoming mail.
- **Avoid Sending Cash or Sensitive Documents:** Use secure methods for important items.
- **Install Security Cameras:** Install cameras near your mailbox or front door.

WHAT TO DO IF MAIL GETS STOLEN:

- **Contact USPS:** Report mail theft to the local post office or USPS Postal Inspection Service.
- **File a Police Report:** Notify law enforcement if sensitive information was stolen.
- **Monitor Credit:** Keep an eye on your credit for potential identity theft.

Take action now to protect your holiday packages!

CALENDAR	December 6 Coffee with a Cop 9 am - 11 am Starbucks 1225 West Bardin Rd.	December 14 - 25 Interlochen Holiday Lights 6 pm - 10 pm
	December 6 AHCPAAA Noche de Fiesta 7 pm - 10 pm Epworth United Methodist Church 1400 S. Cooper St.	December 16 Citizens Police Academy and High School CPA Graduation 7 pm - 8 pm Mayfield Road Church 1701 E Mayfield Rd.
	December 13 UNIDOS Christmas Party 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm St. Matthew Catholic Church 2021 New York Ave.	December 27 Officer Jillian Smith End of Watch Wreath Ceremony 9 am Moore Memorial Gardens 1219 N. Davis Dri.
	December 14 Arlington Holiday Lights Parade 2 pm - 9 pm Downtown Arlington <i>Entertainment beings around 2 pm. The parade begins at 6 pm, followed by the COA Christmas tree lighting.</i>	December 24, 25, and January 1 City Holiday Schedule <i>Most City of Arlington offices will be closed in recognition of Christmas Eve (observed), Christmas Day (observed), and New Year's Day (observed)</i>