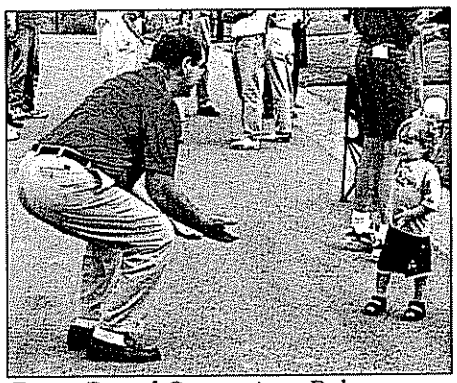
White Bear Township Report

Hundreds Celebrate National Night Out

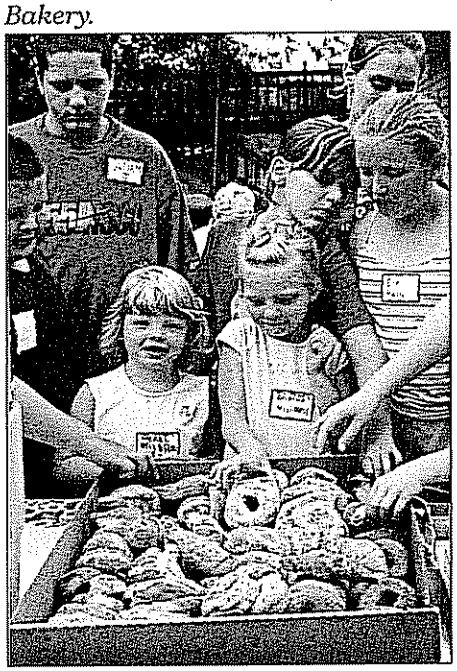


Town Board Supervisor Bob Weisenburger makes a new friend at a block party on Pintail Avenue.

More than a dozen White Bear Township families hosted block parties during last month's National Night Out.

National Night Out – now in its 20th year – is a nation-wide crime prevention celebration in which people meet their neighbors, community officials and public safety officers.

Children make a difficult choice at a Cristine Court block party. All of the donuts were donated by Wuollet Bakery.

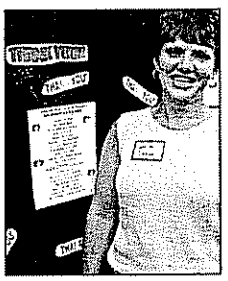


(right) Town Board Supervisors Dick Sand, Bill Mample and Bob Weisenburger discuss neighborhood issues with people in Birch Park.
(mid-right) Kelsey Sohrweide enjoys hoola-hooping with Briana Williams.
(far mid-right) Dennis Jansen mans the grill while his wife, LeAnn, admires the generosity of local vendors.

The smell of bratwurst filled the warm summer's night air as block party hosts served picnic foods and cool drinks to visiting neighbors.

Members of the Township's Public Safety Commission were also a big hit: passing out softballs, reflective arm bands and movie theater tickets to happy children throughout the evening.

"We don't have a lot of crime, but we do have a lot of new neighbors," said Block Party Host LeAnn Jansen. "Having a block party is a great way to meet them."



(right) Ramsey County Sheriff Deputy Norm Thurmer, Jr., visits Craig, Laurie, Lisa and Lana Carlson's block party shortly before responding to a call at Otter Lake School.

Public Safety Commission Helps Keep Township Safe

White Bear Township's Public Safety Commission is always looking out for the good of the community.

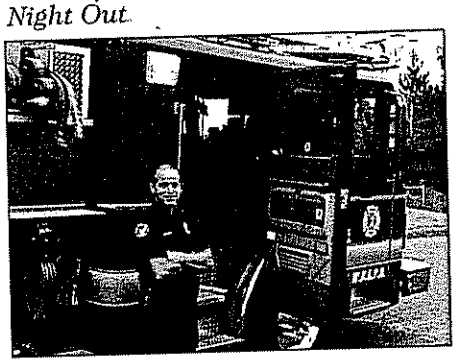
"They work hand-in-hand with the Sheriff's department," said Deputy Norman Thurmer, Jr. "They work on issues forwarded to them by the Town Board, sheriff and fire departments, public and other commissions."

Long-time Commission Member Patrice Pozzini-Stedman says the cooperative effort best serves the community.

"I joined the Commission because I was a Social Worker and wanted to keep my fingers in the community," she said. "Being on the Public Safety Commission is always interesting."

"Norm Thurmer and Ron Hawkins come to every meeting," she added. "So we're well-informed."

Ron Hawkins pulls double-duty representing the Public Safety Commission and White Bear Lake Fire Department on National Night Out.



Public Safety Commission and Town Board visit neighborhood block parties. (front) Liz Kalisch, Patrice Pozzini-Stedman, Bill Mample (back) Dick Sand, Bob Weisenburger, Norm Thurmer, Jr., Sandra LeBlanc and Stephen Lee. (Ron Hawkins, Richard Brueckner and Ken Aust not pictured).

Mission Statement

The Public Safety Commission, as an advisory committee, shall strive to provide the best possible research, advice and recommendations to the Town Board on matters relating to health, welfare and safety of White Bear Township residents. The Commission shall be committed to public safety services in the Township that will instill a feeling of safety and security to Township residents. The Commission aims to provide a fair review of all requests, in a manner that is responsive to, and meets the expectations of all Township residents. The Commission is committed to find ways to reinforce the strength of the Township through community involvement.

Other Township News

- **Township Sprinkling Regulations.** White Bear Township continues to observe its year-round water restrictions. Residents living in even-numbered homes may sprinkle their lawns 6 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 10 p.m., while those living in odd-numbered homes may sprinkle their lawns 6 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. on odd-numbered days.

- **Recreational Fires.** Small, open fires for recreational purposes are allowed in the Township without a permit. Fires must (a) not exceed two feet in diameter and three feet in height; (b) be more than 15 feet from the nearest structure and 25 feet from the nearest motor vehicle; and (c) be in a fire pit or non-combustible fire ring six inches deep and at least three feet in diameter. Only clean wood may be used in the fire. For more information, call the Township office at (651)429•5827.

- **Leaves.** White Bear Township residents wishing to keep their yards clear of debris may deliver leaves, grass clippings and other soft-bodied plant materials to Ramsey County's yard waste site in the Township. The site is located on Sherwood Avenue, one-quarter mile south of Co. Rd. J. For times of operation and directions, call the yard waste hotline at (651)773•4455.

  Those wishing to prepare leaves, grass clippings and soft-bodied plants for curbside pickup from BFI should do the following: Cut branches five ft. or shoter and tie in bundles no more than 18-inches in diameter. Limbs should not exceed three inches in diameter. Bag yardwaste and set on the curb in front of house. Bags will be collected on the same day as recycling and refuse.