

A community news publication of the Arlington Police Department

## What's Going On ...

**Celebrate Independence Day** on Wednesday, July 4. The annual parade will begin at 9 a.m. in downtown Arlington. Visit [Arlington4th.org](http://Arlington4th.org) for parking and parade routes.

While celebrating, the **Arlington Police Department** reminds you to put safety first! It is illegal to operate fireworks inside the city limits. When traveling, officers also remind you to buckle up, avoid distractions in the vehicle, control speed and never drink and drive!

As more families explore ways to cool off this summer, be sure to **keep safety in mind** while at the pool or swimming on area lakes. Be watchful of younger children at all times.

**July is Watch Your Car Month**, sponsored by Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority.

The **Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership (ACAPP)** will meet July 5.

**East Arlington Renewal** will meet at 7:30 p.m. July 5.

A **Bike Safety Fair** will begin at 9 a.m. July 11, at the SW Branch Library.

The **Hispanic Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association** will meet July 24.

Learn more about the community programs and services of the APD **Become a fan**. Like us on **Facebook**. Follow on **Twitter**. Subscribe on **Nixle**.

[www.Arlingtonpd.org](http://www.Arlingtonpd.org)

## Arlington Aims for Top 5 Rating in NNO Participation

This year, Arlington is working to move up in a national ranking of cities who participate in National Night Out. In a national comparison of cities larger than 300,000 residents, Arlington finished sixth last year. APD NNO Lead Coordinator Curtice Ervin is focused on moving the City into the Top 5 ranking. National Night Out is Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Arlington's National Night Out celebration "enjoys tremendous support" from neighborhoods, city officials and stakeholders," Ervin said. It is one of many examples of the Arlington

Police Department's commitment to providing the absolute best in community-based policing.

On Oct. 2, residents across the city will turn on porch lights and gather with neighbors to show community unity against criminal activity. At neighborhood block parties and cookouts, residents learn about APD safety and crime prevention programs. NNO is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

Arlington is ready for National Night Out! Remember to register your event at [www.ArlingtonPD.org](http://www.ArlingtonPD.org). Click on National Night Out under the Get Involved section.

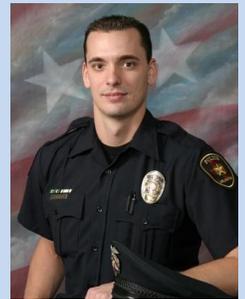
## "Thank God for APD!"



When this Arlington resident's apartment home was burglarized last month, a neighbor's watchful eyes caught a good description of the suspects. Within minutes, APD Officers apprehended the suspects and returned items like this large digital screen television to the property owner. "Thank God for the Arlington Police Department!" she said. This resident is talking with her neighbors about organizing a Community Watch Group. You can start a group in your neighborhood by going to [www.arlingtonpd.org](http://www.arlingtonpd.org) for all the details.

## SWAT Officer is Back in Service, Thankful for Community Support

APD Tactical Officer Bryan Graham says he is thankful for the large outpouring of support he and his family received last month. He is also thankful to his APD family



**Officer Graham**

and the prayers, telephone calls and visits he received during recovery.

Officer Graham was injured June 5 while assisting Fort Worth Police with a felony warrant inside of an Arlington apartment community on Arkansas Lane. The shooting suspect died at the scene. Officer Graham has fully recovered and returned to the Tactical Team on June 25.

"I am thankful to all who sent words of encouragement and prayer," Graham said.

In the hours and days following the shooting, APD social media platforms were saturated with get-well wishes from people near and far, including fellow law enforcement officers from around the country. The [APD Facebook](http://APD Facebook) page recorded hundreds of comments from as far away as Great Britain. Officer Graham is an 11-year veteran of the APD. The 35-year-old is also a husband and father of two.

# On Call in the North District

Neighborhood Block Party Unites Youth, Police and Community for Summer Fun!



Shepherd of Life Lutheran Church located in Beat 240 hosted a neighborhood block party on June 13. The church reached out to the community's youth with basketball games and fun. The UTA Basketball Team joined the block party. APD Beat Sergeant Jay Robinson and Beat Officer Michael Chitty also participated. Nearly 50 neighborhood youth showed up and everyone enjoyed hot dogs, cold drinks and summertime goodies. Head Pastor John Foster says he's ready to get more involved in addressing the needs within the community around his church. During the summer, many of the youth in this area have very little or nothing to do. This was a great way to interact with them and promote good health and fitness in a fun and positive environment. Thank you!



Each month in On Call, watch for more public safety highlights from the North District. Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Kimberly Fretwell at 817-459-5589 or [Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov).

# On Call in the South District

APD South Retail District Unit Working for Keep Everyone Safe



*Earning the respect of citizens, fellow officers, visitors and the business community in the South District.*

The May APD Trading Card features the South Retail District Unit. Collect all 12 Trading Cards!

Have you been to the Parks Mall at Arlington or the Arlington Highlands lately? If so, you have definitely seen these hard working Officers patrolling the grounds in their distinct blue uniforms.

Your visits to the I-20 Shopping and Dining District are more pleasant because of the work these officers diligently provide.

Led by Sergeant Winchester, Officers Newton, Deary, Allen, Rodermund, Kemp, Branch and Green patrol the area on mountain bikes. Some are in marked patrol vehicles while others are on foot daily, even on these hot Texas summer days. Their high visibility, professionalism, and consistency in gathering information during investigations are key factors in the reduction of crime in this area. They are earning the respect of citizens, fellow officers, visitors and the business community.

A special thanks to South District Retail Unit for enhancing the safety of Arlington residents and visitors from all across the world who shop, dine and enjoy time in our city!



New crime prevention highlights every month from the South District! Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Jakisha Jones at 817-459-6468 or [Jakisha.Jones@Arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Jakisha.Jones@Arlingtontx.gov).

# On Call in the East District

## East Arlington Renewal Has A Successful Litter Program

Congratulations! East Arlington Renewal organized its second annual "See Litter, Pick It Up" neighborhood beautification event on June 16. Arlington police officers pitched in to help out in target areas on Sherry Street to State Highway 360 along Park Row Drive. Project REACH and a host of City of Arlington departments, including Fire Station No. 2 got involved. It was truly a community event with lots of volunteers, including Aldersgate United Methodist Church and residents from the Nottingham Estates, Parkview Addition, Crossway Apartments and Running Brook Apartments all pitching in. District 5 Arlington City Council member Lana Wolff also joined the cause. For nearly three decades, East Arlington Renewal has been dedicated to helping to "Elevate East Arlington." East Arlington Renewal President Sue Phillips said this event demonstrates what happens when a community teams up with others to make a difference!



Photos courtesy of Ben Pate

**Thank you East Arlington Renewal and all who make the difference!**



Watch for more crime prevention highlights from the East District every month in On Call. Contact Crime Prevention Officer Faviola Delgado at 817-459-5817 or e-mail [Faviola.Delgado@Arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Faviola.Delgado@Arlingtontx.gov).

# On Call in the West District

## Youth Aim High at Arlington Police Athletic League Summer Camps



**This summer, the Arlington Police Department welcomes 125 Arlington area campers.**

Every summer, the Arlington Police Department sponsors a series of camps for youth who are entering the sixth and seventh grades.

Officers spend a week with each group of youths mentoring them on the importance of making good decisions while allowing them to see the officers in a positive atmosphere. Many of the PAL Summer Camp officers are School Resource Officers who they will see on their High School campus. Youth campers participate in a variety of activities designed to build teamwork, leadership skills, self-esteem and self-discipline.

Campers spend a day on a ranch while another day is devoted to a ROPES course. Police and Fire Department employees participate, giving youth campers an opportunity to see some of

safety tools we use in our professions. Campers also learn what it actually means to be a police officer and a firefighter.

Many participants have been able to overcome various fears and complete important tasks with the support of mentors and adult participants. The PAL Summer Camp is one of a few programs in the city that does not receive any funding from the city budget. This program relies on generous donations from the community and grants to fund activities.

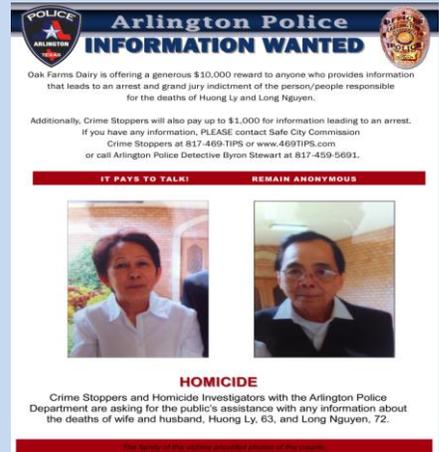
Over the years, there have been past participants who have encountered officers later in their school year and have commented on just how much they enjoyed their experience at camp.

With the continued support of the community and APD, we look forward to many more summers of positive interaction and mentoring in the years to come.



If you would like more information about PAL Summer Camp, contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfelty at 817-459-6072 or [Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov). We appreciate your support!

# Getting the Word Out! Neighbors, Volunteers and APD Together to Solve Crime



The Arlington Police Department continues to investigate the deaths of an Arlington couple who were found deceased on June 10 inside their home in the 3600 block of Waverly Drive. On June 14, officers joined citizen volunteers to distribute over 300 Information Wanted flyers and make face-to-face contact with residents and businesses.

This effort involved Police Service Assistants, COP Mobile volunteers, and APD professional staff. Oak Farms Dairy has announced a \$10,000 cash reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest and grand jury indictment of the person or persons responsible for the deaths of **Huong Ly** and **Long Nguyen**. **Detective Byron Stewart is the lead investigator in this case. He can be reached at 817-459-5961 or Crime Stoppers at 817-469-TIPS.**

## Agencies From Around the Country Meet in North Texas for Major City Chiefs Conference

More than 100 chiefs representing some of the largest cities in the U.S. and Canada gathered May 28-30 in Grapevine for the Major Cities Chiefs Association Conference.

The summer meeting provided participants a forum for sharing information and problem-solving strategies. The focus of this meeting was on training, current events and subcommittee work. The agenda also included U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder.

The Arlington delegation included Interim Deputy City Manager Theron Bowman, Acting Chief Will Johnson, Assistant Chief James Hawthorne, Acting Assistant Chief Lauretta Hill and Assistant Chief Jaime Ayala. During the welcome and flag ceremony on May 29, the presentation of colors was led by a Joint Honor Guard, which included members of the APD Honor Guard, Fort Worth and Dallas. Officer Barry Samples sang the national anthem. The MCCA meets three times a year in member cities across the country.



## Arlington Police Remembers Its First Full-Time African-American Officer



**Officer Fletcher Ray** (far right) in this 1971 photo with Detective Larry Jones and Sgt. Harold White.

*Photo Courtesy of the Harold K. Elliott Police Museum*

Fletcher Ronald Ray, the first APD full-time African-American police officer, was laid to rest in the DFW National Cemetery on June 29. He served the citizens of Arlington from 1969 to 1971. He was called a trailblazer for all who followed. Officer Ray also served as a military police officer. He died in Arlington at the age of 66. (Pictured above) Assistant Chief James Hawthorne presents the U.S. flag to Ray's daughter during a memorial at the DFW National Cemetery.

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