

National Night Out Celebrated in Nine GHA Communities

Residents from nine Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) communities came together to commemorate the 29th anniversary of National Night Out (NNO) on August 7th. Cookouts and catching up with neighbors were the unifying activities for the events at Gateway Plaza, Hall Towers, Stoneridge, Ray Warren Homes, Claremont Courts, Hampton Homes, Smith Homes,



Riverbirch and Applewood communities. Though rain moved many activities inside, the spirit and purpose of the national event wasn't dampened by the weather.

Last year 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide observed the event with over **37 million** people participating in 2011.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The photos below show the many ways our residents celebrated.



Claremont Courts – Residents put the new community building to good use by having a game night on NNO.



Applewood – Greensboro Firefighters and Police Officers join residents in NNO festivities.

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Smith Homes – A step team provides entertainment during the NNO festivities.



Ray Warren Homes – Triad Health Project and the Guilford County Health Department provides HIV testing for interested residents.



Hampton Homes – Cotton Candy delights the children at Hampton Homes celebration.



Gateway Plaza – Food takes center stage with a menu of hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken and pork shoulders grilled by residents.

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Hall Towers – Senior residents line up for a hotdog supper.



Riverbirch – A talent show features the community's youth as activities move inside due to rain.



Stoneridge – Good food and the companionship of neighbors are enjoyed by those in the elderly-designated community