National Night Out returns to Keizer



ABOVE: RJ Navarro (front, right) and family members enjoy National Night Out in Keizer on Tuesday, Aug. 4. Photo by LYNDON ZAITZ of Keizertimes



Keizer Fire Chief Jeff Cowan gives a friendly wave at the McNary Estates National Night Out location. Photo by MATT RAWLINGS of *Keizertimes*

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National Night Out made its grand return to Keizer neighborhoods on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

The National Night Out party hosted by the Southeast Keizer Neighborhood Association at Ben Miller Family Park was lively as dozens of families enjoyed music, games, food and conversation.

Organizer Sherrie Haskins-Gottfried said that all the food, beverages and raffle prizes were donated by local businesses.

Jen Garbarda, who lives next to the park, was with four-year-old granddaughter Enzlee. Garbarda has lived in her house since 1972. The reason we have this night out is for our community. Crime goes down and people get along better. Bringing everyone together is amazing.

- ROLAND HERRERA Keizer City Councilor

"I love my neighbors," she said. She added that she likes the quiet neighborhood. Charlie Foxx of KBZY Radio was the DJ for the event, playing music throughout the

evening. Ken Gierloff, president of the association, was pleased with the attendance. "There are some people here I didn't even know," he said.

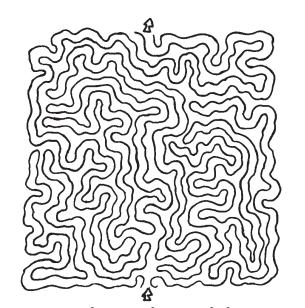
The city was well represented at Ben Miller Family Park. Keizer Police Chief John Teague came by as did Lt. Andrew Copeland. City Councilor Dan Kohler enjoyed a hot dog while talking with attendees. Keizer Fire District board member Colleen Busch announced raffle winners while husband Bob Busch greeted everyone who came to the party. Jonathan Thompson, of NW Dental Arts, represented the Keizer Chamber of Commerce.

The party at Ben Miller Family Park was one of about 20 throughout Keizer to mark the annual National Night Out event, which promotes neighborhood safety.

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