

City of Lynchburg Police Department

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Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Lynchburg Night Out Against Crime

This year's Night Out event took on a whole new form as we all met in a single event at Tresca on 8th. There were 197 in attendance not counting all the children.

Attendees were able to meet and greet with city and state officials as well as members from the other Watch groups they don't often get to mingle with.

Special Thanks to Diamond Hill's "Hill City Sliders" who preformed and provided entertainment for the event.

Special Thanks to: Tresca on 8th for donating the event space, GLTC for providing bus service, Target for providing assistance, Flower's Bakery for donating bread, Domino's Pizza on Main for donating pizzas, and members of the LPAAA for providing assistance.

Door Prizes provided by: Target, L. Opplemans, High Peak, Market on Main, Schewel's, Opera on the James, Perry Pools, Ronnie's Barber Shop, Amazement Square, Renaissance Theater, and Lynchburg College.

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The chow line...

www.trescaon8th.com



The Hill City Sliders in Action



Officer Brooks with McGruff

Lt. Ragland manning the Hot Dogs



Crime Prevention Unit Staff

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Featured Neighborhood Watch Group

Our Newest Neighborhood Watch Groups

LPD is proud to welcome our newest Neighborhood Watch groups:

- * Bedford Hills
- * Wildwind
- * Wendover Square

This brings our total in the city to 58 Neighborhood Watch Groups! This is a great accomplishment for our city.



Watch Members enjoying the meal at Night Out



Chief of Police Colonel Sned visiting at Night Out



Want to see your group here?
Send us your stories, photos,
and accomplishments!

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Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

- Can persons on the Virginia Sex Offender's Registry participate in Halloween night "Trick or Treat" activities?

Answer: If the convicted sex offender is on supervision - which means restrictions have been placed on them as they relate to probation/parole and not state law - then they may not be permitted to participate in trick-or-treat activities (i.e. porch lights must be turned off; not permitted to open the door to trick-or-treaters, etc.). This restriction only applies if that offender's conditions of probation/parole prohibit contact with children.

If the convicted sex offender is not on supervision, then they are entitled to participate in trick-or-treat and other Halloween activities. This does apply to convicted sex offenders featured on the Virginia Sex Offender Registry. The only exceptions relate to Code of Virginia 18.2-370.5, which restricts an offender's access to school property.

Questions regarding an individual's probation/parole status and any restrictions placed on them as a result of that status should be directed to the local Probation and Parole office or the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to visit the Virginia Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry to identify the relevant addresses of convicted sex offenders. This enables adults and guardians to make informed decisions on what residences/businesses to approach for trick-or-treating.

Halloween night, the Virginia State Police Sex Offender Investigative Unit will be working with the Virginia Department of Corrections Probation and Parole to check on supervised sex offenders.

Virginia State Police

- I am interested in starting or reviving a Neighborhood Watch group, how do I get started?

Answer: Please call (434) 455-6070 or email steven.wood@lynchburgva.gov and we will get you set-up.

P.S. The Crime Prevention Unit is also looking for interested parties in coordinating existing Watch Groups in Sheffield, V.E.S./Hydro, Turtle Creek, and White Rock.



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