



Police Foundation: Community Safety and Community Outreach

by Tom Murphy (June 2014)

The **6th Annual Legacy Place Food and Wine Festival** is history and the Police Foundation is grateful to **the wonderful folks at Legacy Place** for making us the beneficiary of their 2014 fund raiser.

The Festival was a celebration of food, wine, beer and spirits under a beautiful South Florida spring sky. The streets of Legacy Place came alive with samplings galore plus live music, games, entertainment and more. Over 30 restaurants participated in the event and there were a record 1,100 participants. One hundred percent of the proceeds of the evening went to the Police Foundation and totaled a startling \$30,400. We are very grateful to our title sponsor, Legacy Place, for giving us this fundraising opportunity along with all of the people, sponsors and vendors who supported us.

Also since last month's article, the Police Foundation, in partnership with the City of Palm Beach Gardens, was honored to be the presenting sponsor of the inaugural "**Gardens Cup.**" This new golf tournament, held at the recently renovated Palm Beach Gardens Municipal Golf Course, had both a competitive and recreational element on some of the finest greens and fairways in South Florida. This community-outreach event raised funds for the city's Spirit Team which supports local charities as well as recognizes city employees for their community service activities.

Upcoming for the Police Foundation is our sponsorship of the "**Palm Beach Gardens National Night Out**" (NNO). Neighbors and communities across the nation celebrate "America's Night Out Against Crime" annually and Palm Beach Gardens has been an active participant for over 15 years.

NNO is a joint Police-Community Partnership designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and camaraderie and to send a message to criminals letting them know that our neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Here in Palm Beach Gardens the event will take place on **Tuesday August 5th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm** in front of City Hall. Demonstrations by the Palm Beach Gardens Police Department's SWAT Team, Motorcycle Unit, and Police K9s are all in the plans. The Palm Beach Gardens Fire Department will also be participating and showcasing their equipment, training and tactics.

Sergeant Paul Rogers, head of the Police Department's Community Involvement Unit said that "This is an opportunity to promote awareness, safety and unity in our communities and to give crime a going away party!"

The **Police Foundation's** primary objective in these events is to promote community safety in Palm Beach Gardens for our residents, businesses and visitors. We do this by helping fund the vital training, equipment and technology needs of the Police Department as well as supporting community outreach and crime-prevention programs.

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