

Hundreds Gather for Family Fun at National Night Out

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Cheektowaga participates in National Night Out by hosting a venue in Town Park on August 7th. (Ann Madison/Cheektowaga Chronicle)

CHEEKTOWAGA – The main pavilion at Town Park was filled with residents of all ages enjoying themselves Tuesday night for the National Night Out festivities.

Slices of pizza were being handed out by a number of pizzerias from across the Town, competing for the title of the Best Pizza in Cheektowaga. (The votes are still being tallied up as of late Tuesday night.) The money collected for that contest will be donated by the Cheektowaga Crime Resistance Executive Board to various charities and causes.

The night also gave neighbors a chance to check out the Erie County Emergency Services mobile unit – including the HazMat team. An Erie County Sheriff's Deputy on mounted patrol was also at the event.

Families could also check out the Cheektowaga Police CSI and SWAT units – in a comfortable setting. With a chance for officers to explain their jobs, while kids also got to take part in other fun events like face painting and bounce houses.

There were similar events held at the Doyle 2 fire hall and the Southline fire hall.

The overall message of the event is to call attention to not only the crime prevention being done by police in the community – but [National Night Out](#) is a way to bring neighbors together and to call attention to [neighborhood watch efforts](#).

If you are looking to get involved personally on more crime prevention efforts in your area, Cheektowaga's [Town Neighborhood Watch Group](#) meets on the second Monday of each month at the Senior Center on Broadway at 7:15 pm.

Photos from Town Park:



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