

Lakes of Bella Terra Celebrates America



The summer showers may have visited earlier in the day, but the sun returned well in time for neighbors to come together at the 1st Annual 4th of July Celebration at Lakes of Bella Terra!



The fun, old-fashioned family picnic began with a parade led by the Fulshear-Simonton Fire Department and followed by the Fort Bend County Precinct 3 Constable's Office. The neighborhood children had a great time working with their parents to decorate their bicycles, tricycles, wagons, scooters, skateboards and strollers for the parade. Prizes were awarded for the best decorated bicycle, scooter and wagon. It was a tough competition as everyone did a great job capturing the spirit of the holiday with their decorating. All participants received medals. Thank you again to our parade judges: Fort Bend County Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Ken Cannata and his wife Susan, and Vice President of Ryko Development Lisa Clark and her husband Randy.

The award for "Best Decorated Bicycle" went to Logan (4). Brothers Joseph (4) and Jacob (2) shared the award for "Best Decorated Wagon". The winner of the "Best Decorated Scooter" category, Austin (7), proclaimed the 4th of July to be "the best day ever!" And sisters Katrina (7) and Alexa (4) expressed their appreciation for the day through their art. But participation in the parade wasn't limited to children! Many of our neighbors walked or rolled in the parade including "Grandma" Bea who brightened the parade route with her smile and patriotic umbrella.



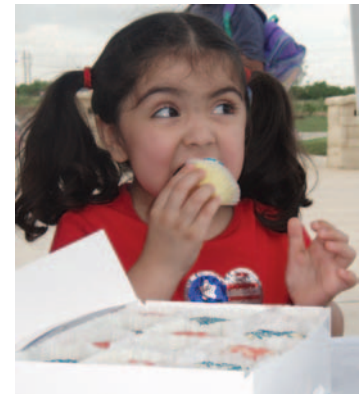
The parade led the way, along a route lined with hundreds of American flags donated by Prudential Gary Greene Realtors, to the Lakes of Bella Terra Recreation Center where residents and their friends and families enjoyed swimming, "beach" volleyball, bouncing in the moonwalk, and competing in games including hot potato and the three-legged race. Constable Rob Cook and his deputies were on hand to fingerprint the children for safety and visit with the Lakes of Bella Terra neighbors.



Everyone enjoyed the food which included traditional 4th of July fare – hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken legs, and sausage, as well as beans, potato salad, pasta salad and other tasty sides and desserts that were made by our neighbors. A big thank you goes to Ryko Development for donating the party supplies, meats, popcorn and sno-cone machines, ice cream and moonwalk for the celebra-

tion. Thank you to our resident party planners, the Hroch and Langland families, for organizing the event and to the Hrochs for providing drinks and parade prizes. Thanks also to all of our neighbors who brought side dishes and desserts to share. And finally, special thanks to our neighbor Larry Klentz for providing the BBQ pit and cooking for the neighborhood!

All in all it was a great afternoon of visiting with neighbors, making new friends and celebrating America's birthday! Those who remained at the Recreation Center until dark were treated to a great show as we watched fireworks from all over the area including the shows at LaCenterra and Katy Mills Mall!



Lakes of Bella Terra may be a new community, but it is a thriving community full of residents eager to get to know each other. The 1st Annual Lakes of Bella Terra 4th of July Celebration was a great follow-up to the community's 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We look forward to many more great events in the future.