



Durham, NC

# PROJECTS 365



Since August 2005, a number of City of Durham communities implemented crime prevention programs and other initiatives to enhance the quality of life in their neighborhoods. The Crime Prevention Unit and Public Relations Office of the Durham Police Department designated a number of neighborhood efforts as National Association of Town Watch **PROJECT 365** initiatives to be included in the Police Department's National Night Out campaign. The communities featured here represent a variety of significant milestones in strengthening police-citizen partnerships, heightening community spirit and achieving crime reduction.



Azalea Park Apartments

In 2005, Durham Police Department's Crime Prevention program launched a new initiative called the "**5-Star Crime Prevention Accreditation Program.**" On a yearly basis, communities can earn up to five stars for achieving various levels of participation in the Durham Police Department's safety and crime prevention programs.

On National Night Out 2006 **Azalea Park Apartments** community was recognized for earning **5-Star Accreditation** for the following: Seven members of the community completed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Three members of the community graduated from the Citizens Police Academy. One resident completed Citizens Observer Patrol training.

A Neighborhood Watch program was established and a site plan completed. The community was represented at six PAC 2 meetings during the year.

In addition, the management of Azalea Apartments supported a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment and made the following property improvements: installed high security deadbolt striker plates and peepholes in all apartments; trimmed all hedges; installed three new property street lights in the pool and playground areas; installed 19 cameras with hoods for a total of 32 cameras; sponsored "Personal Safety" Class, "Kids Identity and Personal Safety Day" and a "Bike Rodeo". Azalea Park Apartments held National Night Out events in 2005 and 2006.

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**Presidential Apartments** achieved **3-Star Accreditation** over the past year. The community established a viable neighborhood watch program with eight block captains. A property lighting assessment was completed. Also management and residents of Presidential Apartments are working with Public Work's Engineering division in the implementation of a traffic calming initiative. In the photograph, Presidential Apartments Residential Coordinator receives certificate from Durham police officials on National Night Out 2006.



The residents of **Belvin Avenue** community were recognized by the Durham Police Department on National Night Out 2006 for their collective resolve and community spirit. Motivated by the fatal shooting in June 2005 of an 18-year girl who lived in the area, residents held a fish fry near the locale of the shooting to raise monies to support a National Night Out celebration this year. In the picture, Belvin Avenue NNO organizers ask neighborhood pastor to hang the community's appreciation plaque from the Police Department in the church edifice.



In only one year's time, the residents of **Argonne Hills** organized a record 46 block captains as part of a new/revitalized neighborhood watch program. Residents also met with Durham Police officers and landlords to address problem houses in the area. The neighborhood's collaboration with Durham Keep America Beautiful, Durham Parks and Recreation and City General Services resulted in the complete restoration of Holt School Road Park that was once characterized by vagrants, overgrown vegetation and other deterrents to use. In the photo, a neighborhood National Night Out organizer accepts a plaque on behalf of the Argonne Hills community.



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**Colonial Village** were residents were instrumental in helping Durham Police to remedy five problem houses in the area. Representatives of the community received an appreciation plaque as part of their 2006 National Night Out celebration.



**Colonial Village**

**Building Blocks of Safety—  
New Neighborhood Watch Communities Celebrate NNO!**



**Crossdaile**

January 28, 2006, the Crime Prevention Unit of the Durham Police Department held a citywide Block Captains Workshop. Over 120 Durham residents attended the half-day program that featured a variety of topics: The Role of a Block Captain; Establishing a Neighborhood Association; Gang Awareness; Resolving Rental Property Conflict; Organizing Neighborhood Cleanups; Adopting Parks and Trails; Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT); and Citizens Observer Patrol. Event speakers included staff from the City of Durham, judicial officials and representatives from human service organizations. Many of the workshop participants organized National Night Out events this year. A second workshop is planned for January 2007.



**Horton Hills**



**Ryan, Monk & Laymon Streets**