

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

A Night Out in Beltsville

Over 500 residents came to the outdoor party sponsored by District VI police on the evening of August 3. Each year more people come to talk with the police, eat the hot dogs and hamburgers, learn about public safety and enjoy the games. The atmosphere at Beltsville's party is easy going, friendly and perfect for meeting neighbors and the police that serve the area.

Everyone had a good time. Some stayed at the picnic tables, chatting with others and enjoying the breeze. Others, including families with children, were actively looking at safety exhibits, getting fingerprinted, examining police statistics, checking out the MedVac helicopter, talking to mounted park police officer Karla Newman and petting her horse. Other children were playing basketball, boarding the fire engine or bouncing in the ever-popular moon bounce.

It was a command show for Dis-

trict VI police. They were there ready to explain their work and meet the residents of the Beltsville-Laurel area. Some brought their families. Commander Holly met with advisory groups early in the evening. Captain Corso, who helped organize the event, introduced himself to the crowd while handing out coupons for a free Slurpee at 7-Eleven. County Chief of Police John Farrell also came to

greet the residents. McGruff the Crime Dog was there. So were the volunteers who help inform us about the Crime Solvers program.

Thanks go to John Anna, Adirondack Tree Service, who served as event sponsor, donated the food and even helped cook it. Thanks also to District VI officers and staff who did the work and welcomed the community.

-Sally Ehrle



Erick Bonilla takes one of the last hamburgers while Sergeant Skipper Hamm and John Anna, event sponsor, watch.