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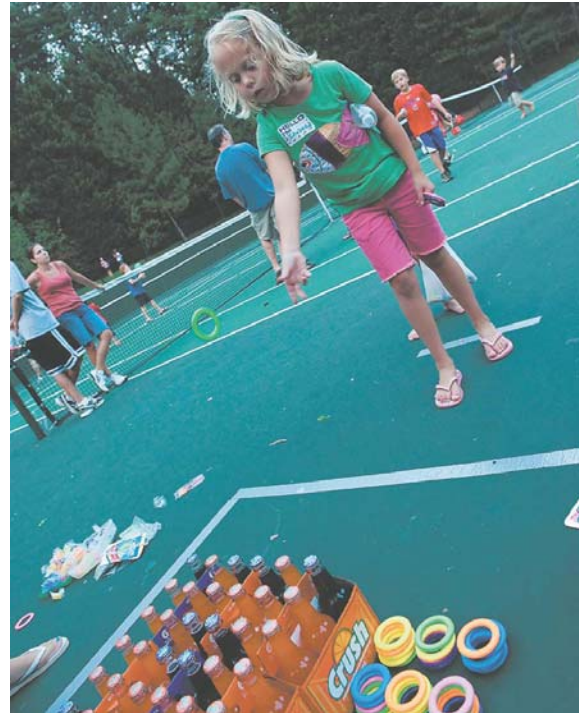


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Midleridge Civic Association members Tim Harazin, Rick Jones, event chairwoman Catie Morales, Al Obuchowski and Sandy Obuchowski are pictured holding the 2006 Resolution the Midleridge Civic Association received from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors congratulating the Midleridge community 'for its community spirit and for being an integral partner with law enforcement officials and first responders to keep Fairfax County safe.'



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) and Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohrer take a moment to speak with Heather Merryman, who is getting her face painted by volunteer Stephanie Morales.



Isabella Reymann concentrates as she throws her ring to try and land on a bottle. Her mother Cara grew up in Midleridge, and returned to live in the community when she and her husband started a family. They live two blocks from her parents (Isabella's grandparents) who still live in Midleridge.



Ava Thys prepares to throw her dart.

Neighborhood Party

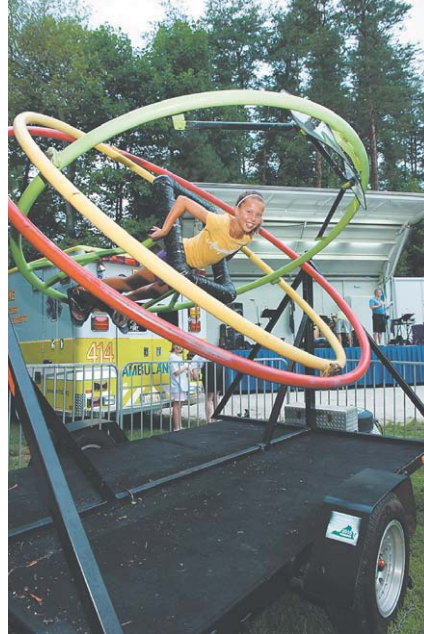
Large crowd turns out for Midleridge National Night Out event.

On Tuesday Aug. 3, police and first-responders converged on Midleridge Park. Fortunately, the visit wasn't due to an emergency, it was the Midleridge Civic Association's Ninth Annual National Night Out, a neighborhood-based crime and drug prevention event.

Community members are proud to state that Midleridge hosts the largest NNO event in Fairfax County. With live entertainment, raffles, free food, games for the children and face painting, it is no wonder that the event is so popular. On hand were representatives from the police, the fire and rescue department, and the department of health, there with the goal of enhancing their partnership with the community.

Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohrer, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-Bulova) and Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) stopped by the event. Bulova has close ties to Midleridge, she used to live in the community and her son's family now lives there. Her daughter-in-law Gretchen Bulova has been involved in Midleridge's NNO since its inception.

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Katie Checkosky, 9, of Midleridge has been to every NNO in Midleridge. Tonight she rides the 'Gyro' a human-powered, adult-sized gyroscope. 'It was really fun,' says Checkosky.

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