



August 9, 2011

Dear Belle Meade Resident,

Thanks to those of you who took time out on last Tuesday, August 2, 2011 to come by Upstate Circle of Friends and show support for the first Belle Meade Neighborhood Association (BMNA) "*National Night Out*." More than eighty people took part in the evening. Fifty or more of them have attended at least one BMNA meeting. We were also able to talk with other residents about their concerns and joining the Belle Meade Voice by taking part.

The 1st BMNA "*National Night Out*" was a success! It was the first day of a year-long community building campaign designed to:

1. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
2. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
3. Generate support for and participation in the Belle Meade Neighborhood Association and in local anti-crime programs such as Neighborhood Watch
4. Send a message that the Belle Meade community is organized and determined to improve the quality of life of its residents
5. Share information about programs and services available at Upstate Circle of Friends

On hand was State House of Representative Member for District 25, the Honorable Karl B. Allen. He shared words of support and encouragement for the revitalization of the Belle Meade Neighborhood Association and made a donation to help defray the cost of the event. Residents also had an opportunity to talk to and fellowship with the officers who are assigned to patrol our community on a regular basis.

Everyone enjoyed hot dogs, fish, snow cones, popcorn, water, sodas, lemonade, ice cream and a challenging obstacle course. All were provided by our outstanding community partner, Upstate Circle of Friends. We owe special thanks to Mrs. Delores Barksdale, CEO, who personally operated the snow cone machine which had the longest line all evening, and Mr. George Singleton, VP, and his staff as they put a lot of time and energy into coordinating the logistics, set up and break down of the equipment.

"*National Night Out*" will serve as our meeting for the month of August. We will resume our regularly scheduled monthly meetings on Saturday, September 10, 2011.

Thank You!  
Belle Meade Neighborhood Association (BMNA)