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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### City of Newport News 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "FIELD OF FRIENDS"

It was last summer that NNPD Officer M.C. Wagner saw some children (approximate age 9-10) playing on a large garbage dumpster as if it were playground equipment. It broke his heart. "Field of Friends" was born from that scene.

A bunch of City agencies, including Parks & Rec., Police Department, Sheriff's Office, City Farm, Housing Authority, Fire Department, etc. organized a day of fun activities. Several organizations, military branches, and individuals also got involved. This year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Field of Friends has grown to include three separate events in the south, central and north regions of the city. One will be held Friday, August 15th. The other two will take place on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Activities will vary from site to site. But the message is the same: Bringing the community together. School supplies will be given out (though unsure of the volume of supplies). There will be FREE hot dogs, drinks and prizes.

Please help the task force committee spread the word in advance of the event(s) and provide coverage the day(s) of. We want children to come and enjoy themselves and for their parents to participate, too. We want the public to volunteer.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual FIELD OF FRIENDS**

**August 15** 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
North Precinct, Boys & Girls Club, 429 Thorncliff Dr.

**August 23** 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
South Precinct, NNHA Playing Field, 14th St. @ Terminal Ave.

**August 23** 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
Central Precinct, South Morrison ES/Boys & Girls Club; 705 Adams Dr. (@ Dresden)

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SPONSORS

City of Newport News; NN Police Department; NN Sheriff's Office; NN Fire Department; NN Adult Corrections (a.k.a. City Farm); NN Parks, Recreation & Tourism; NN Public Works; Office on Children, Youth & Families; NN Redevelopment & Housing Authority; Weed & Seed Project; Neighborhood Watch Coalition; Virginia Kids Eat Free; Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board; and Grand Rental Station.

PRECINCT PARTICIPANTS

North Precinct:

Boys & Girls Club; Hampton University; Christopher Newport University; Warwick Memorial Methodist Church; Kiwanis Club; American Legion; Elks Club; Denbigh Presbyterian Church; Hampton Roads Crime Prevention Association; National Guard; 1<sup>st</sup> Advantage Credit Union; and Denbigh Community Action Team.

South Precinct:

Smithfield Foods; Kiwanis Club; Wal-Mart – 12401 Jefferson Avenue; Auto Showcase Imports; 7-Eleven – 2610 Jefferson Avenue; Operation Breaking Through; Stuart Gardens Apartments; Cooke Brothers Funeral Home; Gilmore Funeral Home; Fisher Funeral Home; Altmeyer Funeral Home; U.S. Army Ft. Eustis; and First Church of Newport News Baptist.

Central Precinct:

Oyster Point Rotary Club; Kersey; Sealy, Clark & Associates; Peninsula Community Foundation; The Virginia Foodbank; Chick-fil-A; Boys & Girls Club of the Virginia Peninsula – Pinedale Manor Unit; Warwick Assembly of God; and Pinedale Manor Apartments Community Center