



The Fitzgerald Fall Festival 2007

I attended the Fitzgerald Elementary Fall Festival on October 27th to support two of Arlington's most valuable citizens, hands down. Throughout the day, I caught bits and pieces of conversations between Pat Struble and Bonnie Bilodeau and the citizens of their community. As the day progressed, I grew more and more impressed about how well they each represented themselves as leaders of the community. These ladies volunteered several hours on this day to promote neighborhood unity through Community Watch Groups and Citizens on Patrol. If you were to uproot citizens like Pat and Bonnie and place them into any high crime area, there is no doubt that the scenery would quickly change. Their take-charge attitude toward uniting and informing community members deters crime and improves the quality of life for residents within their community.

Fortunately for Arlington, there are a handful of citizens throughout this City like Pat Struble and Bonnie Bilodeau. When these leaders inspire others to take ownership within their communities, there is no limit to what can be accomplished.

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