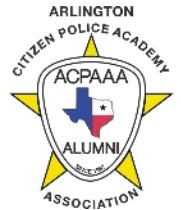




# June NEWSLINK



June 2021

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BOD Meeting - 6:30 PM  
Thursday June 3, 2021  
South Station

Membership Meeting 7:00 PM  
Thursday June 10, 2021  
West Station

# ATTENTION

Please Read Very Carefully

Although you may not believe this  
Our next IN PERSON meeting  
Will be on June 10, 2021  
At the West Station  
At 7:00 PM

Wearing a mask is optional, if  
you have been vaccinated

This will be an informal meeting as we have not had  
time to get a speaker for a program and there will be no  
snacks or coffee

We will discuss future of the ACPAAA meetings. Like  
do we want to have snacks, if so what kind and who  
brings what etc. Bring your thoughts and ideas as to  
what you like to see and do at future meetings

## SEE YOU THURSDAY

Your Board of Directors



## Competition builds common ground

The moment couldn't have gotten any more intense.

Arlington ISD superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos was laser-focused. So was Arlington Police Department Chief Al Jones, as the two men battled it out in front of a small crowd this past Saturday afternoon.

Well, not in reality, that is

At Game Up 5-0's first-ever gaming tournament, held at [Esports Stadium Arlington](#) (ESA), the two area leaders controlled multiple characters to kick and slam each other around within the arcade game Marvel vs. Capcom.

And Lamar High School junior Jesus Luna couldn't help but join in on their fun. While balancing a hot dog in hand, the 17-year-old walked back-and-forth between Cavazos and Jones to give each one tips on how to defeat the other until the time ran out.

Luna was among more than 100 Arlington ISD high school students and about 30 officers who participated in the free event at the stadium, located in Arlington's entertainment district. With blaring hip-hop music keeping the energy high, it was a gamer's paradise.

Crime Prevention Sgt. Vincent Pewitt helped spearhead the initiative through the department's mentoring program, Coach 5-0. A 24-year officer, he's recognized a deep divide between community members and the police. The event was designed to help local youths and APD officers find common ground, he said.

"We know that a lot of students don't play basketball, don't play football," Pewitt said. "But we have students who play games. This is a sport, it is just different."

Pewitt further explained that the program came into fruition a few months ago after several dozen APD policemen shared that they were also extreme gamers. "I didn't know there was a big interest (among the officers)," Pewitt said. "That was great for us."

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Sgt Pewitt asked, the ACPAAA for, \$500 support this project, which he received

Natalie Houghton, director of annual giving for Cook Children's Health Foundation – one of the tournament's many sponsors – was thrilled to attend the event. From her booth, Houghton shared information about her organization's gaming marathon called "Extra Life." It brings thousands of gamers together to raise funds and awareness in support of local Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Since its inception in 2008, Extra Life has raised more than \$50 million for local children's hospitals.

"So, basically, it's play games – heal kids," Houghton said. "It's a direct impact to our patients because it's benefitting those areas that help them still be kids and still have fun."

Pewitt hopes that police departments from cities throughout the Metroplex would start their own programs that would bring their school districts' students to Arlington to compete in gaming. He feels that Esports Stadium is the perfect venue because of its central location, and that APD's first event was a success.

"Seeing officers talking and communicating with the students, learning from each other and having fun, it was a win-win for everyone," Pewitt said.



## Dog Walker Watch Meet & Greet

June 26 2021 from 2 PM-4 PM  
Rush Creek Dog Park

1900 Valleywood Dr.  
Arlington Texas 76013



National Night Out - 2021

Tuesday October 5, 2021

## The Caring Committee

If you know of someone who is ill or needs assistance, please call or email Dottie Johnson at (817) 899-8613 or [lovsapet@ymail.com](mailto:lovsapet@ymail.com)



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# ARLINGTON CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



The Arlington  
Police Department

*invites you to attend*

For registration: Sgt. Michael Leonesio  
Michael.Leonesio@arlingtontx.gov 817.823.9350

the 2021  
Arlington Police  
Bicycle  
Rodeo!

June 5 at Cravens Park | July 24 at East Recreation Center | August 7 at Dottie Lynn Recreation Center  
8:00 a.m. - Noon (all locations)

All kids are invited, especially ages 8-11. Bring your bike, helmet, and at least one parent. Arlington Police officers will teach bicycle safety, and participants can experience bicycle skills courses.

Featuring free bike safety inspections and prizes donated by local businesses. Earn your Arlington Police Department bicycle safety license by completing the safety course! *Please register, space is limited.*

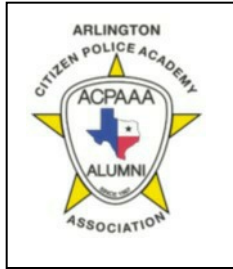
- Visit with:
- Police Mounted Patrol
  - Police Tactical Unit
  - Police Aviation Unit
  - Fire Department
  - Ambulance Service



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# 2021 ACPAAA Membership Registration

New Member  Renewal Member

## Contact Information

(Please print legibility)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (Month and Day only): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*I am interested in helping in the following areas and may be called when assistance is needed:*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly meeting snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Golf Tournament   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> CPA class meals/desserts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police Week Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Cops               |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography              |

Annual Dues are **\$20.00** per person.

Payment may be made by **check** (payable to **ACPAAA**)

or via the **PayPal** link on [www.acpaaa.org](http://www.acpaaa.org).

Bring this completed form to a monthly meeting or mail it to:

**ACPAAA, PO Box 944, Arlington, TX 76004**

*Welcome to the ACPAAA and we appreciate your support for*

**the Arlington Police Department!**

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Date Rec'd \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Amt \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

PayPal  Cash

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## June 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday                                                     | Friday | Saturday                                              |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|        |        | 1       | 2         | 3<br><b>BOD Meeting<br/>South Station<br/>6:30 PM</b>        | 4      | 5<br><b>National Night<br/>Out Carnival<br/>Event</b> |
| 6      | 7      | 8       | 9         | 10<br><b>Membership Meeting<br/>West Station<br/>7:00 PM</b> | 11     | 12                                                    |
| 13     | 14     | 15      | 16        | 17                                                           | 18     | 19                                                    |
| 20     | 21     | 22      | 23        | 24                                                           | 25     | 26                                                    |
| 27     | 28     | 29      | 30        |                                                              |        |                                                       |

## July 2021

| Sunday                       | Monday                                                   | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday                                                    | Friday | Saturday |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
|                              |                                                          |         |           | 1<br><b>BOD Meeting<br/>South Station<br/>6:30 PM</b>       | 2      | 3        |
| 4<br><b>Independence Day</b> | 5                                                        | 6       | 7         | 8<br><b>Membership Meeting<br/>West Station<br/>7:00 PM</b> | 9      | 10       |
| 11                           | 12                                                       | 13      | 14        | 15                                                          | 16     | 17       |
| 18                           | 19                                                       | 20      | 21        | 22                                                          | 23     | 24       |
| 25                           | 26<br><b>Dog Walker Meet &amp; Greet<br/>2 PM - 4 PM</b> | 27      | 28        | 29                                                          | 30     | 31       |