**SOUTHWESTERN HILLS PICNIC**

**AUGUST 1, 2023**

 The Free Neighbor Night Out Picnic was a big neighborhood hit. Over 500 people attended a perfect weather night. Dinner was served by HY-VEE from 5:15-7:15. Free sno-cones were provided all evening.

 Many special guests were in attendance and strolled through the crowd addressing questions. Guests included Josh Mandelbaum, Connie Boesen, Mayor Cownie, Matt McCoy, Carl Voss and Joe Gatto. Many representatives from city departments were in attendance including Parks and Recreation and Police and Fire departments. Police and Fire put on displays with some of their equipment and Park and Rec addressed programing.

 It was a fun evening with over 35 free prizes given out via drawings. Many conversation and friendships were renewed and everyone had a great time. The evening wrapped up around 8:00PM.

 Southwestern Hills Board Members work hard to make this a special evening. We are strong because of our great neighbors.

George Davis, Penny Harrison, Ginny Renda, Steve Utterson, Nick VanPatten, Steve Sarcone, Heather Carman Johnson, Joe Harrison, Pete Conrad and Jon Shelness.