



NEIGHBOURHOOD SPIRIT: Det. Sgt. Doug Walcott gets dunked in the dunk tank at the Massey Victory Heights Residents' Association's first neighbourhood picnic, held June 25 at F.W. Howay School.

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Neighbourhood hosts a community picnic

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The dunkers became the dunkees at the Massey Victory Heights neighbourhood picnic.

The Massey Victory Heights Residents' Association held its first community picnic at F.W. Howay Elementary School on June 25.

"It was a really good day, I think, for our first time out," said Susan Wandell, association president. "We got some great ideas for next year."

The day's events included food and children's activities. Hot air balloon rides in the Remax balloon were cancelled because of weather conditions.

"It was really hot," Wandell said of the day that set record temperatures across B.C. "Believe it or not, it was too windy for the balloon. It was 12 knots wind - eight is the maximum."

Remax couldn't set up the balloon and keep the basket on the ground because the wind makes it difficult to control, even if it's tethered.

"The fire department came by and

hosed everybody down. It was like being in New York," Wandell laughed. "It was really neat."

Firefighters parked their truck on Cumberland Street and sprayed water across the field to cool down grateful residents. Representatives from Cops for Cancer had no qualms about sitting in the dunk tank - and neither did anybody else.

"It was the big hit. It was so hot some of the older kids asked to go in the dunk tank. They said, for \$5 you can sit in the dunk tank," Wandell said. "They paid \$5 to sit in the dunk tank and then people paid to knock them in. Normally you can't pay anyone to go in there."

Cops for Cancer volunteers raised \$275 for the Canadian Cancer Society to help children with cancer.

The Massey Victory Heights Residents' Association, which recently celebrated its second birthday, represents residences between Eighth and 10th avenues and McBride Boulevard and East Columbia Street. It plans to make the neighbourhood picnic an annual event.

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