

Main Street U.S.A. brings throngs to Walnut Hill

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while Mofongo and Criollismo Restaurant served Puerto Rican food.

People also munched on gyros, brick oven pizza, ice cream, fried dough, bacon tater tots and more.

At the fire department's booth, employees educated people about fire prevention and smoke alarms. They also sold shirts for breast cancer awareness.

"We're always privileged to be part of Main Street U.S.A.," said Fire Chief Raul Ortiz.

Janae Willis, family school liaison for the New Britain School District, also attended.

"I am loving the turnout and getting the parents engaged," she said.

Several community groups had booths at the event.



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Ryan Williamson and Hector Campos take one of the rides during Main Street USA in Walnut Hill Park Saturday.

New Britain Senior Center members sold wreaths and crocheted and knitted items at their booth. Pins of butterflies and roses as well as tea towels covered the table.

"It's always fun. Everything we make is handmade," said Nancy Durkin, a member. Durkin added

that they will also be at the farmers market.

"I just think it's a wonderful community event," said Chris Stanlonis, of the Suburban Women's Club.

"It's just great to see so many families out here — smiles on their faces. It's just a nice day," agreed

Pat Coyle, also a member of the Suburban Woman's Club.

Helen Supsinskas, Polish victim advocate and coordinator for HRA, highlighted what services her organization has to offer. From health and wellness services to financial help and energy assistance to elder advocacy and childcare, HRA provides a wealth of services to New Britain and the surrounding communities.

Supsinskas said she liked that many groups were able to come out to Main Street U.S.A. and share information.

"It's nice to support the area businesses and restaurants," she added.

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