Mayor's Corner August 2, 2022

550 Root Beer Floats (Thank you First Baptist Women's group) 800 Snow Cones 1,000 hamburgers (Thank you Farmer's Plate and Pantry and Source Farms) 1,000 hot dogs Countless bottles of water (Thank you First Federal)

Four hours of live music from our very accomplished neighbors and police officers.

Plus a multitude of entertainment opportunities, from the bouncy-house/slide to face painting to the rock climbing wall and horseback rides

Friends and families together enjoying each other's company & catching up with neighbors we haven't seen in awhile.

All of this was courtesy of our sponsors, volunteers, and our Carlton Police Department supporting all of the details that made this year's National Night Out an amazing evening for our community.

In our community the event is planned and organized under the supervision of Police Chief Kevin Martinez and our Carlton Police Department. Carlton City staff from Public Works to office/administration provided additional support, and honorable mention goes to City Councilors Jamie Egland, Grant Erickson and Kevin Skipper who put in some warm hours in the sun on traffic control, ensuring everyone stayed safe crossing the street to the various activities.

I kept thinking Tuesday, as I visited with friends and neighbors, many of whom I haven't seen in way too long, that the turnout and broad participation from our local organizations is one of the big reasons we love living here. This is truly who we are and what our community is about. I can't think of any better place to be, or any other people I'd want to be with.