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City of Glen Cove Police Department Announces 2026 National Night Out Honoree: Peter Foster

GLEN COVE, NY, July 2026 – The City of Glen Cove Police Department is proud to announce that Peter Foster, Executive Director of the YMCA at Glen Cove, has been selected as the 2026 National Night Out Honoree.

The annual community celebration, presented by the Glen Cove Police Department and the National Night Out Committee, will take place on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Bridge Street in Downtown Glen Cove**. In the event of rain, festivities will be moved to the YMCA at Glen Cove.

For more than 30 years, Glen Cove has joined communities across the nation in celebrating National Night Out, an event dedicated to strengthening relationships between residents and law enforcement through neighborhood camaraderie, public safety awareness, and family-friendly activities.

This year's honoree, Peter Foster, exemplifies the spirit of National Night Out through his unwavering dedication to the children and families of Glen Cove.

Peter first came to Glen Cove more than three decades ago as a camp counselor at the YMCA, where his enthusiasm and compassion quickly made him a fixture in the lives of local families. After earning his degree and returning to Glen Cove in 2006, Peter took on leadership roles that deepened his impact on the community, ultimately becoming Executive Director of the YMCA at Glen Cove. Today, his work continues to inspire young people and strengthen the bonds that make Glen Cove thrive.

National Night Out Chairperson Roberto Telese said the committee's choice was clear.

"Peter is being honored for his exceptional leadership and dedication to serving our community through programs that support youth, families and community partnerships. His energy, heart, and commitment to our children make him a truly deserving honoree."

Chief of Police Christopher Ortiz reflected on the event's enduring success.

"National Night Out has brought our officers and community together for more than 30 years. It's a night that strengthens trust, celebrates our families, and reminds us how powerful our partnership with Glen Cove truly is."

Mayor Pamela D. Panzenbeck praised Foster's longstanding service to the community.

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“Peter embodies the spirit of Glen Cove—service, compassion, and community pride. His leadership at the YMCA has touched countless families, and we're thrilled to honor him as part of a night that celebrates everything that makes Glen Cove strong.”

Residents of all ages are invited to attend this free community event, which will feature bounce houses, interactive activities, public safety demonstrations, music, refreshments, and opportunities to meet members of the Glen Cove Police Department and other first responders.

National Night Out serves as a reminder that strong communities are built through connection, collaboration, and trust.

Meet your neighbors. Meet your police. Celebrate community.

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