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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Take a stand and show your unity in the fight against crime. On Tuesday, August 4, neighborhoods throughout Muskegon are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "32nd Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by area police agencies and neighborhood associations, will involve over 16,540 communities. In all, over 38.1 million people are expected to participate in 'America's Night Out Against Crime'. NNO 2015 corporate sponsors are ADT, Nextdoor.com, Associa and FunFlicks.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7 to 10 p.m. on August 4, residents in neighborhoods throughout Muskegon County and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police.

In addition to asking residents to turn on their outside lights a number of neighborhoods are holding special events to bring neighbors together for National Night Out. Most of the neighborhood events are still in the planning stages as of the time this article was written and you are encouraged to contact your neighborhood association to find out the particulars of each event. If you live in the City of Muskegon and do not know how to contact your local neighborhood association, please feel free to contact the Police-Community Coordinator, Mr. Denny Powers at 724-6764.

Those neighborhoods in Muskegon planning events at this time include: Sheldon Park, McLaughlin, Nelson, Oakview, Nims, Campbell Field, Lakeside, Marquette, Beachwood/Bluffton, Marsh Field, East Muskegon and Jackson Hill.

Many of us have reached the point where we no longer know our neighbors and our own neighborhoods. In order to make our neighborhoods safer, police and residents need to work together. Get to know your neighbors so you will be better equipped to be able to tell when something is out of place or suspicious and know when to call 911. We need a concerted effort if we are going to drive crime out of our neighborhoods. Look out for each other.

Join your neighborhoods in “Giving Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party”.

Events

Sheldon Park Neighborhood's Going Away Party For Crime 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. August 4

The Sheldon Park Neighborhood Association NNO Going Away Party for Crime will be held on the grounds of Evanston Ave Baptist Church at the Corner of Evanston Ave and Roberts. There will be food, beverages and entertainment for Sheldon Park Neighborhood residents.

McLaughlin Neighborhood Association NNO Gathering 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. August 4

The McLaughlin Neighborhood will once again be participating in National Night Out events. Neighbors are invited to join together at the McLaughlin Community Park at the corner of Terrace and Isabella starting at 6:00pm, Food will be provided (current plans are for hotdogs, brats, potato chips, brownies and punch) neighbors are encouraged to bring a dish to pass but it is not required.

Oakview Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Gathering 6:00- 8:00 p.m. August 4

The Oakview Neighborhood Association is planning a neighborhood gathering for National Night Out for neighborhood residents at First Wesleyan Church grounds on East Forest Avenue. Refreshments will be available for neighborhood residents. Come meet your neighborhood police officer and your Oakview Neighborhood Association Board of Directors. Plans call for a number of youth oriented activities for youth of all ages.

Nims Neighborhood Association
NNO Event
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. August 4

The Nims Neighborhood Association will be hosting a neighborhood gathering at Nims Park at the corner of Southern and Davis. The event will include hot dogs, chips and refreshments as well as activities for kids, a craft table sponsored by the Pine Dunes Girl Scouts, bike registration, face painting, a bounce house and a fire truck. Events are being sponsored by, Fatty Lumpkins and Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Nelson Neighborhood Association
NNO – Neighborhood Picnic/Potluck
6 p.m. – 8 p.m. August 4

The NNIA picnic for Nelson Neighborhood residents is set for National Night Out, Tuesday August 4, from 6-8pm. They will be holding the picnic at St. Joe's Park on Monroe, between 4th and 5th Streets. Games for kids, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and be ready for some great neighborhood fun.

Campbell Field Neighborhood Association
NNO
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. August 4

The Campbell Field Neighborhood Association will be hosting a national night out event at Campbell Field for neighborhood residents. There will be hotdogs and chips as well as family friendly activities such as face painting, sidewalk chalk and bracelet making.

Lakeside Neighborhood Association
NNO
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. August 4

The Lakeside Neighborhood Association is planning a neighborhood event at the Pocket Park on Lakeshore Drive from 6 to 8 p.m. This event was still in the planning stages at the time of this notice.

Marquette Neighborhood Association
NNO
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. August 4

The Marquette Neighborhood Association is planning a community picnic at Beukema Playfield.

Beachwood/Bluffton Neighborhood Association**NNO****6 p.m. to 8 p.m. August 4**

The Beachwood/Bluffton Neighborhood Association is planning a community open house at the Deck restaurant at Pere Marquette Beach. The Deck is providing free appetizers and soft drinks to Beachwood-Bluffton Neighborhood Association neighbors. Menu and a cash bar will also be available. The association will be collecting updated email information for neighbors and gathering on the back deck to get to know each other better.

Marsh Field Neighborhood Association**NNO****6 p.m. to 8 p.m. August 4**

The Marsh Field Neighborhood Association will be hosting a pot luck at Marsh Field. Hotdogs will be provided.

East Muskegon Neighborhood**NNO****6 p.m. to 8 p.m. August 4**

The East Muskegon Neighborhood will be hosting an NNO event at the lot at 905 E. Keating. There will be inflatable games, trains, hot dogs, face painting and more.

Jackson Hill Neighborhood Association**NNO****6 p.m. to 8 p.m. August 4**

The Jackson Hill Neighborhood Association is planning a community get together at Aamodt Park at 6pm.