

Mayor Rybak and Chief Dolan encourage you to celebrate National Night Out!

The Mayor of Minneapolis and the Police Chief encourage residents to organize National Night Out Events. They state that your community building efforts help create strong, safe communities in Minneapolis. It is because neighbors know each other and work together that we have increased safety in Minneapolis. Please see the complete letter to the community which is attached.

For those whose email systems do not allow incoming attachments, we've pasted the text of their message below.

There is still time to register your event on-line! Register to block off your street for no charge until July 14--and there is no charge for an event that doesn't block a street or alley. Link to <https://apps.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/blockeventapp/> to register directly. Please email CrimePrevention@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or call 612-673-3082 if you have any questions.

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Dear Minneapolis Residents,

Your community building efforts help create strong, safe communities in Minneapolis. It is because neighbors know each other and work together that we have increased safety in Minneapolis. We have continually increased block club events throughout the city over the last 27 years. This has decreased the opportunity for crime to occur, increased community ties and pride, and contributed to other successes in Minneapolis. If you have had a National Night Out event with your neighbors in the past, we hope that you will continue to do this. If you have not, we hope that you will consider holding an event on your block.

A neighbor talking with another neighbor is the most important part of the night. This can be done over a pot luck dinner, an ice cream cone, a volley-ball net, or any other activity that brings people together. It does not matter how we build community; what matters is that we continue to develop connections between neighbors.

Block events build a community where youth have examples of good citizenship and learn the benefits of community. Decreasing youth violence is a goal of the city. The Mayor's Blueprint for Action draws on increased law enforcement and public health strategies to address the root causes of violence. The City, its residents, and programs who serve youth are working together to meet the goals of The Blueprint for Action:

- Connect every youth with a trusted adult
- Intervene at the first sign that youth are at risk for violence
- Restore youth who have gone down the wrong path
- Unlearn the culture of violence in our community

As the Mayor of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Police Chief, we have set a goal of decreasing crime and have done this by putting an emphasis on juvenile crime, keeping youth in school and connecting them with the help and resources they need. We encourage you to join us in our goals by connecting with the youth on your block.

We ask you to bring your neighbors together on National Night Out to make your block a safer place to live. It's a time when you can make the commitment to know each other, watch out for each other and call 911 when police are needed.

National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 3 this year. We hope that you will bring neighbors together for the evening. For more information about National Night Out and help in planning, see the Minneapolis National Night Out website at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno.

We hope to see many of you at National Night Out event in your neighborhood!

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