

## Charlestown to participate in annual National Night Out

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On Tuesday, August 4, neighborhoods throughout Charlestown are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 26th Annual National Night Out crime and drug-prevention event.

National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Charlestown Neighborhood Block Watch, will involve over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world.

Residents in neighborhoods throughout Charlestown are asked to lock their doors on August 4 from 6 to 9 p.m., turn on the outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police.

The Charlestown Neighborhood Block Watch and the City of Charlestown are set to hold a neighborhood rally at Greenway Park on Tuesday evening, August 4. With activities for both children and adults, the rally is meant to encourage Charlestown residents to become more active in the community and encourage participation in the city's crime-reduction initiatives.

The event will feature several activities, including watermelon-eating contests, inflatable rides, corn hole, a rock-climbing wall and a balloon toss. Hot dogs, chips, popsicles and watermelon will be available for purchase from the concession stand at the rally. Emergency responders, including both police and firefighters, will be at the rally to answer questions about the Neighborhood Block Watch and give tips on safety and emergency preparedness.

"Our Block Watch program has been a success so far, but we're looking to expand the program and make it even better," Mayor's Assistant Ruthie Jackson said. "Members can participate as much or as little as they want. We want to build stronger neighborhoods."

Jackson coordinates the Neighborhood Block Watch Program for the City of Charlestown.

In all, over 37 million people are expected to participate in National Night Out rallies throughout the world.

To learn more about how you and your neighbors can participate in this event, contact Jackson at [ruthiej@cityofcharlestown.com](mailto:ruthiej@cityofcharlestown.com).