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“National Night Out” to be held in two neighborhoods

National Night Out will be celebrated in two locations, McKinley Elementary School, 5520-32nd Ave., and Brass Community School, 6400-15th Ave., from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 3rd.

The free event is being sponsored by the Kenosha County Division of Children and Family Services, the Kenosha Unified School District, the Boys and Girls Club, and Community Impact Programs.

Prizes for the events have been donated by the Milwaukee Bucks, Brewers, the Wave, and the Admirals, the Chicago Cubs and White Sox, and Monkey Jones. Target Corp. is the national sponsor for the event.

Entertainment for the events includes Kenosha Magician DJ Ehlert, the Madrigano Dancers, music by DJs Diego Villalobos and Wade Adams and Space Walk of Salem. There will also be food, contests, prizes and face painting.

There will also be presentations by the Neighborhood Watch officers and many different agencies will be represented.

The theme of the event is, “Knowing your neighbors is gang prevention.”

Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser said the purpose of the event is to promote police and community partnerships and neighborhood collaboration.

“When a community celebrates together at an event such as this, it brings them together as neighbors and friends,” Kreuser said. “It will lead to strengthening neighborhood spirit and heightening awareness that will aid crime and drug prevention. It will also lead to law enforcement and community partnerships that will reinforce the fabric of the community.”

Donna Rhodes, gang intervention supervisor for the county’s DCFS, said that in her many discussions with residents across Kenosha County in planning gang prevention efforts, a common theme was the desire to find ways to get to know their neighbors.

“National Night Out will allow neighbors in the McKinley and Brass neighbors to forge closer partnerships and will bring people together to develop a stronger community,” Rhodes said.

National Night Out, known as America’s Night Out Against Crime, is in its 27th Year. An expected 37 million people in 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases world-wide will be celebrating on Aug. 3rd.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

For more information about the local events, contact Rhodes at 262-605-6635.

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