



## **24<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out Celebration: Tuesday, August 7, 2007**

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Residents of neighborhoods throughout Dayton will participate in the 24<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out celebration, scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, August 7, 2007.

National Night Out is an annual event designed to strengthen neighborhoods through police-community partnerships. The goals are to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs and, most importantly, send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. It is also a perfect opportunity for residents to get to know neighbors even better.

Residents are encouraged to attend a celebration and to turn on porch lights in observance of National Night Out.

There will be four community celebrations, held at the following locations and times:

- Northwest Recreation Center (1600 Princeton Ave., 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
- Burkhardt Community Center (215 Burkhardt Ave., 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
- Residence Park (Elmhurst at W. Second St., 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
- St. Mark's Church (720 Burkhardt Ave., 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

A caravan of City of Dayton and Dayton Police Department officials, including Mayor Rhine McLin, will depart from City Hall at 5:30 p.m. and will travel to the four community celebrations to participate in National Night Out happenings.

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