

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT (NNO)

KEYS TO SUCCESS

- **GET AN EARLY START.** The best NNO events are those that are planned well in advance of the event.
- **BEST BETS FOR NNO ACTIVITIES.** Block parties, ice-cream socials, cookouts, punch and cookies, parades, flashlight walks, contests, and youth programs are just a few ideas.
- **INVOLVE AS MANY NEIGHBORS AS POSSIBLE.** Encourage all neighbors to participate.
 - Delegate responsibilities by forming a planning committee in advance.
- **DECIDE WHO IS GOING TO OVERSEE (CHAIR) THE EVENT.**
- **RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS.**
- **BRING EVERYONE TOGETHER AND DECIDE THE FOLLOWING:**
 - What do you want to happen at your event?
 - When do you want to have your event? You can have NNO activities anytime you want although **August 7th** will be the **2018** NNO date.
 - Where are you going to hold the event? Consider seating, parking, accessibility for people with disabilities, and other pertinent factors. You may want to close off your street for NNO events. Please contact the City Clerk's Office for a Block Party Street Closure Application.
 - How long is the event going to last?
 - Plan activities/entertainment and assign duties.
 - Who will bring nametags and staff a welcome table?
 - Who will make signs or prepare a flyer? Who will distribute the flyers and set up the signs?
 - What supplies (tables, chairs, napkins, cups, plates, and utensils for food) do you need? What food, beverages, or snacks will neighbors need to bring?
 - Who will take pictures, make a neighborhood scrapbook or other photo poster?
 - Who will bring a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, and a cellular phone (or access to a phone).
 - Who will help with clean up?
- **BE SURE TO DESIGN PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS** in your neighborhood. This will also help to involve more parents.
- **BE CREATIVE.** There are many ways to make NNO activities meaningful and fun for everyone. Don't be afraid to try some new ideas in your neighborhood.
- **'LIGHTS ON MEANS LIGHTS OUT FOR CRIME'.** Encourage residents throughout the neighborhood to show their support for crime prevention on **August 7th** turning on their lights. Properly lighted homes, businesses and streets deter crime and drug activity.

Relax and have a good time!