



## National Night Out: The Basics

National Night Out is a unique community event, celebrated in the United States and Canada, that focuses on prevention of crime and drug activity, and is held the first Tuesday of August every year. National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten community awareness of crime and drug prevention;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships;
- Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back; and
- Promote emergency preparedness awareness.

### What type of events do people hold for National Night Out?

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch gatherings, neighborhoods celebrate National Night Out with a variety of events such as:

- Block Parties
- Cookouts
- Youth Programs
- Flashlight Walks
- Contests & Raffles
- Parades & Bicycle Rodeos
- Musical Concerts
- Ice Cream Socials
- Talent Shows

Parties come in all sizes; from just a few families to over 300 people. Some parties take place in front yards, others along a street, some in common areas of apartment complexes and still others in city parks. All parties can expect to be visited by local public safety employees and/or elected officials.

### Would you rather have your party on a different date than the first Tuesday in August?

That's fine. Parties happen the weekend before, the weekend after and throughout the week containing the first Tuesday in August. Events occurring within this 9-day period can be registered as official NNO events. However, most people throw their parties on the official day.

### How does my NNO event become an official event?

Register your event at [www.portlandonline.com/oni/nno](http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/nno). To gain access to all the benefits and resources available to official events, be sure to register at least a week before the official Tuesday National Night Out. The date can be found on the city's website.

### What benefits do I receive from registering my NNO with the City of Portland?

#### ***Space rentals at local parks are free.***

After registering your event on the National Night Out Website, Portland Parks & Recreation will contact you to help you fill out the "National Night Out Limited Use Permit Application" available online at: <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=47737>. Portland Parks & Recreation can be contacted directly at 503 823-2525.

#### ***Street closure permits are free.***

Though the permits are free other costs may still be incurred like the costs of renting barricades. Please see the Block Party/Community Event FAQ prepared by Neighbors West-Northwest. Block party permits are available at [www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=33907](http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=33907).

#### ***Noise variance permits are free.***

If you plan to have amplified music, or use a bullhorn, you will need a noise variance. There are no fees for registered NNO parties, and the information for the variance is collected when you register your party on the National Night Out website. Your information will automatically be submitted to the noise control office.

#### ***Visitations from public safety employees***

City of Portland police officers and fire fighters attend NNO events across the city. Requests for visits from police officers or fire fighters are made through the online registration when registering your event.

## How do I find out more information about National Night Out?

Visit [www.portlandonline.com/oni/nno](http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/nno) or contact your Crime Prevention Program Coordinator:

- *Portland Downtown Neighborhood Association, Old Town/Chinatown Neighborhood Association*  
Michael Boyer, 503 823-5852, [michael.boyer@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:michael.boyer@portlandoregon.gov),
- *Linnton Neighborhood Association*  
Angela Wagnon, 503 823-4094, [angela.wagnon@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:angela.wagnon@portlandoregon.gov)
- *Arlington Heights, Forest Park, Goose Hollow, Hillside, Northwest District, Northwest Heights, Northwest Industrial, Pearl District, and Sylvan-Highlands Neighborhood Associations*  
Frank Silva, 503 823-4257, [frank.silva@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:frank.silva@portlandoregon.gov)
- All City of Portland Neighborhoods should contact the Crime Prevention Program at 503 823-4064, to get connected with your local Crime Prevention Program Coordinator.

## How do I contact my Neighborhood Coalition Office?

Neighborhood Coalition and Neighborhood Association contact information is available online at [www.portlandonline.com/oni/search](http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/search).

- Neighbors West-Northwest: 503 823-4288, [coalition@nwnw.org](mailto:coalition@nwnw.org), [www.nwnw.org](http://www.nwnw.org)
- Central Northeast Neighbors: 503 823-3156, [www.cnncoalition.org](http://www.cnncoalition.org)
- East Portland Neighborhood Office: 503 823-4550, [www.eastportland.org](http://www.eastportland.org)
- Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods: 503 823-4575, [info@necoalition.org](mailto:info@necoalition.org), [www.necoalition.org](http://www.necoalition.org)
- North Portland Neighborhood Services: 503 823-4524, [www.npnscommunity.org](http://www.npnscommunity.org)
- Southeast Uplift: 503 232-0010, [receptionist@southeastuplift.org](mailto:receptionist@southeastuplift.org), [www.southeastuplift.org](http://www.southeastuplift.org)
- Southwest Neighborhoods Inc.: 503 823-4592, [www.swni.org](http://www.swni.org)