



# Neighborhood News

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## Neighborhood News

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## Lee's Summit's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Crime Prevention Week: August 3, 2010 - August 9, 2010

The Lee's Summit Police Department is excited to announce our first annual Crime Prevention Week to coincide with our yearly National Night Out Celebration. This year's Crime Prevention Week will feature a number of community-based activities, as well as two back-to-back City-wide celebrations: National Night Out on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and National Noon Out on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

LSPD is partnering with John Knox Village to host National Noon Out at JKV's Pavilion on August 4, 2010 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The first-ever Noon event promotes crime prevention among Senior Citizens and their families and features a free Scam Prevention Presentation by Retired FBI Agent Jeff Lanza. Information booths hosted by local non-profit organizations will also be featured.

LSPD would like to invite our Neighborhood Watch partners to host block parties during Crime Prevention Week. Block parties are an excellent way to strengthen your Neighborhood Watch group and promote neighborhood safety! Attached is a "Block Party Form" you can use to register your neighborhood block party with the Police Department. Included in the form is a request for a police officer to visit your event.

## National Night Out: August 3, 2010



*Red E. Fox explains 911*

*National Night Out is America's annual Night Out Against Crime. Each year, the Lee's Summit Police Department joins with the community to celebrate safety and to promote crime prevention.*

*This year's event will be held August 3, 2010 in Downtown Lee's Summit on Green Street in front of City Hall from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.*

*Lee's Summit Police Department will provide free family-friendly entertainment, food, and activities; to include bounce houses, rock wall, CSI Science Lab for kids, fountains, and more.*

*Crime prevention and safety information will be presented by various non-profit groups serving the Lee's Summit area.*

Please join us in celebrating America's National Night Out Against Crime! Park for free at the City Hall Parking Garage on Green Street.

## Block Party Food and Activity Ideas:

Potluck  
BBQ  
Ice Cream Social  
Lemonade and cookies  
Popcorn  
Pretzels and pop  
Snowcones

Chalk art  
Pinata  
Face painting  
Musical chairs  
Games  
Book swap  
Scavenger hunt  
Karaoke  
Volleyball  
Tour the gardens on the block  
Water balloons  
Collect for a food pantry  
Crime prevention awards  
Prizes  
Welcome new neighbors  
White elephant exchange  
Block clean-up  
Charades

**Make sure you photograph your event and provide a sign-in sheet so your NW Coordinator can update everyone's contact information and add new neighbors to the phone tree!**

### Correction:

Last quarter's Neighborhood News mistakenly referred to the Concerned Neighbors of Silkwood Estates as an HOA. LSPD acknowledges this error and apologizes for any confusion.

LSPD will be sponsoring several booths and exhibits including:

- ❖ LSPD Heavy Duty Equipment (Bomb Squad, SWAT, Etc.)
- ❖ LSPD K-9 "Jax"
- ❖ Missouri K-9 Search and Rescue Team
- ❖ DJ booth by Soundgate Productions

National Night Out is co-sponsored by Target.

## Planning Your Block Party: A Step-by-Step Guide



*Officer Berry and McGruff at NNO*

**LSPD wants your Neighborhood Watch group to send a strong message to criminals this year: "You're being watched, so don't come here!" Crime rates are down City-wide, but we still need our Neighborhood Watch groups to be vigilant and report suspicious activity. Host a Block Party and let criminals know crime doesn't belong on your street!**

Here is a step-by-step guide for hosting your neighborhood block party:

1. Get a couple of neighbors to help with your party. Divide up tasks and decide on a possible theme, activities, and what to do about food.
2. Start knocking on doors and ask your neighbors if they'd like to participate. Find a day during August 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> that works best for your block. Keep August 3<sup>rd</sup> open so your block can participate in National Night Out.
3. Pick a date and time (mid-afternoon to evening works best) and plan to end your event before 9:00pm to respect bedtimes and neighborhood peace and quiet. Think of an alternate plan in case of rain.
4. Decide if your block party will be restricted to residents or if people can invite friends/family (if so, how many?). Make this clear on your flyer/invitation.
5. Complete the attached "Block Party Form" and return to LSPD to guarantee a police officer at your event. Remember that you must apply for a permit if you plan to close your street for the party.
6. Go door-to-door and get the word out! Invite all neighbors and recruit volunteers. Ask neighbors to bring their own chairs and coolers, or see if somebody has community items to share (grill, tent, etc.).

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