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Media Advisory: National Night Out is August 5th

How would you like to:

- Improve the safety of your block
- Have a fun time with your neighbors
- Build community and
- Take part in a huge, nationwide program?

This is a great time to get together with your neighbors at an event you design just for your block. Your event will give neighbors a chance to get to know each other better. When neighbors know and care about each other, they feel more comfortable reporting crime and suspicious behavior to police. More people watching out for each other and calling 911 will make your block a safer place. And it all can start (or be recharged) with your NNO event!

While the traditional "lights on" and front porch vigils remain a part of NNO, activities have expanded considerably over the years to include block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from law enforcement, festival neighborhood walks, safety fairs, contests, rallies and meetings.

For more information on National Night Out or to schedule activities in your neighborhood please contact the Crime Prevention section at 352-367-4043 or email aforgey@alachuasheriff.org

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