



National Night Out

This year marks the 25th anniversary of “National Night Out” where residents celebrate their neighborhood. On **Tuesday evening, August 5, 2008** neighborhoods across the country will come together and plan events that get people out of their homes and on the streets. Block parties, ice cream socials, potlucks, and disaster preparedness gatherings are all part of the plan to take back the streets sending a clear message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

“There is nothing like getting out and meeting your neighbors,” comments Councilmember Pete Constant, “‘National Night Out’ is a great opportunity to build community.”

The strength of a neighborhood is weakened when we fail to connect with the people around us, but when we participate in programs such as National Night Out, we work together to build a stronger community.

If you belong to a neighborhood association in District 1, ask your leaders if they have activities planned for August 5th. If you do not belong to a neighborhood association or a neighborhood watch program, you can participate by planning an event – it’s easy, simply register your neighborhood activity with the Crime Prevention Unit of the San José Police Department. The Crime Prevention Unit will log your event, number of participants, including the time and location then send a police officer and other city representatives to stop by and visit your celebration. You may register online at www.sjpd.org or call San José Police Department Crime Prevention at 408-277-4133. For more ideas on National Night Out activities go to: <http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno/about.html>.