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The power of a neighborhood that comes together to watch out for each other is immeasurable. That's the message behind the annual National Night Out event.

There will be picnics, cookouts, and more in neighborhoods citywide, on Saturday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., as Burleson celebrates National Night Out. The event, which started in 1984, is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support and participation in anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and to let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Community Resource Officer David Wardlaw as well as the police department's command staff, bicycle officers, Citizens On Patrol, Burleson Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, fire department, fire marshal's office, neighborhood services (animal control, code enforcement, environmental services), the library, City marshals, and City leaders are slated to visit as many National Night Out get-togethers as possible in three hours.

We want to join your neighborhood parties! The deadline to request that City staff visit your party is Oct. 1. Email Officer David Wardlaw at [dwardlaw@burlesontx.com](mailto:dwardlaw@burlesontx.com) or call 817-426-9958.

Any neighborhoods requesting closures for their National Night Out get-togethers need to contact Rey Gonzales, assistant director of public works, at 817-426-9838 or email [rgonzales@burlesontx.com](mailto:rgonzales@burlesontx.com) for barricades. The National Night Out neighborhood organizers will not be charged for the barricades but they will need the consent of the neighbors for the closure. The police department and fire departments will need to be aware of any closures and must have public safety access.

Local National Night Out sponsors include Target, H-E-B, and 7-Eleven. The national sponsor is ADT.