

City of Lewiston Press Release (2 Pages)

Members of the Media: Below please find a press release announcing the details of **Lewiston’s “National Night Out,” which will be held at Marcotte Park on August 5th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Any media coverage that you could render to help **“get the word out”** would be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Dottie

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LEWISTON: The City of Lewiston’s annual “National Night Out,” supported and funded by the Lewiston Police Athletic League, will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Marcotte Park, Lewiston.

The purpose of the **FREE “meet your neighbor”** event is to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and to send a strong message that neighborhoods are united.

The event will consist of numerous activities and entertainment, to include music, food provided/grilled by Wal-mart employees; Mr. Drew & His Animals Too, multi-department municipal vehicles for children to enjoy, including the Lewiston Police Department rolling tank and robot; an obstacle course; bounce house; and much more.

The 31st Annual National Night Out will be celebrated across the country on August 5th serving as a creative crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). NNO 2013 involved over 37.8 million people in 16,242 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. National Night Out 2014 is expected to be the largest ever.

National Project Coordinator Matt Peskin said, ***“This is a night for America to stand together and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight for a safer nation. On NNO, we invite neighborhoods nationwide to join us and ‘give crime a going-away party.’”***

The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) is a non-profit, crime prevention organization that works in cooperation with thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Since 1981, the NATW has been dedicated to the development, growth, and maintenance of organized crime and drug prevention programs nationwide.

Peskin added, ***“It’s a wonderful opportunity for communities nationwide to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. While the one night is certainly not an answer to crime, drugs and violence, National Night Out represents the kind of spirit, energy, and determination to help make neighborhoods a safer place year round. The night celebrates safety and crime prevention successes and works to expand and strengthen programs for the next 364 days.”***

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