



## National Night Out

On the first Tuesday in October, Wentzville residents can celebrate National Night Out. On that night, residents are invited to turn on their porch lights, go outside and join with their neighbors in block parties, cookouts, flashlight walks, and other activities to send the message to criminals that residents are organized and fighting back against crime.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and generate support for local anticrime programs, such as Neighborhood Watch. National Night Out celebrations also help strengthen neighborhood spirit, because alert and caring neighbors are one of your best defenses against crime.

In Wentzville, National Night Out is celebrated from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. During that time, city officials, along with representatives from the police and fire departments will circulate through the city and visit neighborhood National Night Out celebrations. Residents who cannot participate in organized activities are still encouraged to turn on exterior lights and spend some time outside that evening.

Neighborhood groups that would like a visit from city officials or more information and suggestions about how to plan their own National Night Out activities **must** call Officer Mary Wheeler at (636) 639-2103 to schedule your subdivision party.