



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: May 16, 2022

PREPARED BY: Eric Werner, Chief of Police

AGENDA ITEM: Proclamation of National Night Out 2022 and presentation of 1st place trophy for Maple Grove's participation in Nation Night Out in 2021

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

None

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to proclaim Tuesday, August 2, 2022 as National Night Out in Maple Grove.

COMMENTS: Todd Strege, Crime Prevention Officer

The City of Maple Grove will be participating in the 39th Annual National Night Out celebration on August 2, 2022.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that Maple Grove neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This event provides a unique opportunity for Maple Grove to join forces with thousands of other communities across the nation in promoting cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts. From 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., the Maple Grove Police and Fire Departments will sponsor a free BBQ lunch and emergency equipment show at the Maple Grove Community Center. We are inviting residents to host their own block parties in their own neighborhoods throughout Maple Grove. These parties are a great way to get to know your neighbors and have fun. Parties will be visited by Maple Grove Police, Fire, Public Works, City elected officials, and other personnel who support National Night Out and work diligently to make Maple Grove a safer community.

City of Maple Grove awarded 1st place in 2021

On August 3, 2021, Maple Grove celebrated National Night Out with thousands of other communities across the nation. A BBQ lunch and emergency equipment show was held at the Community Center with about 800 people in attendance, which was down compared to 2019, but with uncertainties surrounding Covid-19 it was still a success in our books.

In the evening, 187 registered block parties were visited by Maple Grove police, fire, public works, city elected officials, and other personnel who support National Night Out and work diligently to make Maple Grove a safer community. For our participation and involvement in National Night Out 2021, the City of Maple Grove was awarded 1st place in the nation for cities with populations between 50,000 - 100,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Proclamation