



## REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**MEETING DATE:** May 1, 2023  
**PREPARED BY:** Eric T. Werner, Chief of Police  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Proclamation - National Night Out 2023

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**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:**  
None

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**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:**  
Motion to proclaim Tuesday, August 1, 2023 as National Night Out in Maple Grove.

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**COMMENTS:** Todd Strege, Community Outreach Specialist

The City of Maple Grove will be participating in the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out celebration on August 1, 2023.

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 host an emergency equipment show at the Maple Grove Community Center. A free lunch is being provided in partnership with the Lookout Bar and Grill. Additionally, there will be dozens of different vendors providing a variety of educational and safety information.

We are also 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.

The city of Maple Grove was award second place nationally in cities with a population of 50,000 – 100,000 by the National Association of Town Watch for its 2022 National Night Out efforts. Police staff are proud of the city’s award for 2022 and look forward to having another successful National Night Out event in 2023.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Proclamation of National Night Out 2023