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Salem Police begins preparations for its 40th year of National Night Out

Salem, Ore. — The Salem Police Department has started preparations to celebrate its 40th anniversary of National Night Out in the Salem community on Tuesday, August 6. To create a stronger and safer community, the program emphasizes relationship-building among neighbors, as well as neighbors and police, through neighborhood get-togethers.

Each year on the first Tuesday in August, residents in neighborhoods all across the city organize neighborhood block parties during the evening hours. From ice cream socials to barbecues and bounce houses, neighbors gather to strengthen neighborhood ties and build community.

For law enforcement, National Night Out is an opportunity to further trust-building efforts with residents. In Salem, police teams visit approximately 100 block parties between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to meet neighbors, share crime prevention information, and further efforts to strengthen relationships and trust.

The Salem Police Department has participated in the National Night Out (NNO) program since 1984, skipping a year during the pandemic and making 2024 its fortieth occasion of celebrating the police-community partnership.

Neighbors interested in holding a block party can register online at salempd.info/nno starting today, May 23. Registering a block party allows neighbors to notify the police department of the event time and location and select whether they want to close the street for the event or reserve a neighborhood park.

Early registration is encouraged as street closure and park use requests for NNO must be completed by July 26.

To mark the forty-year milestone of the Salem Police program, while supplies last, each registered party will receive one commemorative t-shirt.

For more information visit the [Salem Police webpage](#).

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