



# COUNTY OF KENOSHA

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## **“National Night Out” to be held in three locations**

National Night Out will be celebrated at three Kenosha locations from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

The locations for the events will be at the Boys & Girls Club 1330-52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Wesley United Methodist Church 4600-60<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln Park 6900-18<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The free events are being sponsored by the Kenosha County Division of Children and Family Services, the City of Kenosha, Kenosha Kingfish, the Mahone Fund, Wesley United Methodist Church, and Greater Mt. Hebron COGIC.

The events at the Boys & Girls Club and Wesley United Methodist Church will offer food, face painting, fun contests, games and prizes. Entertainment will include music, a balloon artist and dancers.

The event at Lincoln Park – a collaboration with the Greater Mt. Hebron COGIC, Journey Church, Kenosha Kingfish, the Mahone Fund and the City of Kenosha – will offer food, face painting, fun contests, games, prizes, baseball scrimmages and backpacks filled with school supplies. Entertainment will include music, a balloon artist and dancers.

All children must be accompanied by an adult to participate, Donna Rhodes, Gang Intervention Supervisor for the county’s Division of Children and Family Services said.

“The greatest deterrent to gang activity is to bring neighbors together,” Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser said. “This is a great opportunity for neighbors to meet neighbors and to become friends. National Night Out also builds community partnerships with agencies, law enforcement and the public.”

National Night Out, known as America’s Night Out Against Crime, is in its 31<sup>st</sup> Year. An expected 37 million people in 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases world-wide will be celebrating the event.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:**

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

For more information about the local events, contact Donna Rhodes at 262-605-6635.