



On behalf of the Bartlett Police Department, we cordially invite you to participate in the Village of Bartlett's **24th Annual National Night Out Block Party and Lighting Competition**. Here is some information to aid you in planning a successful event.

What is National Night Out?

National Night Out is a unique crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). It 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 neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

National Night Out, which culminates on Tuesday, August 1st, 2017, will involve over 16+ thousand communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. Nationally, a record 38 million people participated in National Night Out 2016.

Last year, the Village of Bartlett was ranked **1st** in a nationwide National Night Out campaign. Bartlett competed in a category involving towns with populations of 15,000 – 49,999. Bartlett's campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, youth organizations and local and state officials. We couldn't have achieved such success without the outstanding cooperation and participation we received from everyone involved. This year, we are asking Bartlett residents to register their neighborhood for the 2017 National Night Out Block Party and Lighting Competition.

We will be celebrating NATW's **34th** Anniversary of National Night Out.

The Block Party and Lighting Competition will be held **Saturday, July 29th, 2017**. Judging for the Block Party Competition will begin at approximately 3:00 p.m. and end at approximately 8:00 p.m. Judging for the Lighting Competition will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. (darkness permitting) and end at approximately 8:30 p.m. You can participate in both the Block Party and Lighting Competitions. Plan your events accordingly. Each block party will be visited by members of the Bartlett Fire Protection District and the Bartlett Police Department, which may include: the Crime Prevention Unit, 'McGruff' the Crime Dog, 'Nat the Knight' and the patrol division.

Tips for a successful event:

- Provide the Crime Prevention Unit with your agenda and any flyers you distribute.
- Have a sign-in sheet to show participation.
- Take pictures. Provide pictures to the Crime Prevention Unit. Pictures will assist in preparing our award presentation to the National Association of Town Watch.
- Encourage everyone to participate. For example, at the Block Party, try to have each family bring their favorite game or meal/dish.
- Have a purpose! Organize a donation drive, for example, collect non-perishable food items for a local pantry or clothing for a local shelter!
- Promote!!! Make banners and signs advertising your neighborhood's efforts to support National Night Out, Crime Prevention, and the Bartlett Police Department.
- Advertise National Night Out. **Artwork is available** for flyers and posters
- Delegate and make sure that this is a true team effort.
- **Download the amplifier permit application from the Village of Bartlett website, if needed, and turn in to Community Development desk with \$15 fee no later than July 21, 2017.**

On Tuesday, August 1st, 2017, the winning neighborhoods will be officially announced during the National Night Out Celebration at Bartlett Park. The festivities will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at approximately 9:00 p.m. The winners will be presented with a sign that will be displayed in their neighborhood for one year.

If you have any further questions please contact Officer Anderson or Officer Dendinger at (630) 837-0846.

Sincerely,
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Crime Stops Here!



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