

**Reference:** NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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On Tuesday, August 3<sup>th</sup>, neighborhoods throughout Portsmouth will be joining forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out Against Crime (NNO). This year marks the 16<sup>th</sup> year that Portsmouth will participate in this national event and the first year of sponsorship by Portsmouth Rotary. Over the years National Night Out has strengthened the connection between neighborhood residents and the men and women of the police department who serve and protect them.

This evening outdoors is designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and aware. The Portsmouth Fire Department, Public Works Department and the Portsmouth School Department are all active participants in National Night Out.

From 5:30PM to 8:30PM on August 3<sup>th</sup>, residents in neighborhoods throughout Portsmouth will spend the evening outside with neighbors as well as police, fire, public works, school, and elected officials. Many neighborhoods throughout Portsmouth will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, contests, youth activities and games. National Night Out has become a highlight of summer, especially for neighborhood children.

The following neighborhoods are participating this year:

Atlantic Heights (Big Rock Park)  
Aldrich/Thaxter (at intersection of Sewell Rd)  
The Cedars (White Cedar Blvd behind clubhouse)  
Christen Shore Creek (Pine Street Park)  
Cliff Road/ Walker Bungalow (Cliff Rd)  
Elwyn Park (Dondero School)  
Frank Jones Farm (St Catherine's church parking lot)  
Friends of the South End (Four Tree Island)

Hillcrest Estates (EL Hunt Park)  
Islington Creek (Rock Street Park)  
Meadowbrook Park  
Osprey Landing (Rec. Center)  
Richards Ave (@ Lincoln Ave)  
Rogers Street  
Sherburne Civic Association (Panaway Park)  
Spinnaker Point (Pool area)  
WAHOO (Willard @ Marston and Wibird)  
Wamesit Place Apartments  
The Woodlands (Recreation area)  
The Margeson Apartments  
The Feaster Apartments  
Gosling Meadows

Cristy Cardoso, Chair of the Citywide Neighborhood Committee, 512-3634 or  
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event.