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Kenosha County to mark National Night Out with events on Tuesday, Aug. 1

Kenosha County is coordinating National Night Out events at five locations this coming Tuesday, Aug. 1, County Executive Samantha Kerkman announced today.

All events will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. and will include free food, games, activities, prizes and entertainment, as well as the giveaway of two children's bikes at each site.

The locations are:

- The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha, 1330 52nd St.
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 8760 37th Ave.
- The Shalom Center, 4314 39th Ave.
- Lakeside Lutheran Church, 3833 Eighth Ave.
- The Salvation Army, 3116 75th St.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, all with the goal of making neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

"These events are all about families getting out, building relationships, and making our community stronger," Kerkman said. "Thanks to the host sites and many of our community partners for bringing these celebrations to Kenosha County."

In addition to family entertainment, the events will offer community resource tables with information from agencies including the Kenosha Unified School District, the Racine-Kenosha Community Action Agency, Kenosha County Public Health, UMOS Energy Assistance, Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services Inc., and many more.

The bikes to be raffled off were donated by County Executive Kerkman; Judges Angelina Gabriele, Bruce Schroeder, Jason Rossell and Gerad Dougvillo; Sheriff David Zoerner; Kenosha

Police Chief Patrick Patton; Clerk of Courts Rebecca Matoska-Mentink; the Kenosha Professional Police Association; the Kenosha Safety Fund (Officer Friendly); and Walmart. Helmets were donated by the Kenosha Police Supervisory Officers Association and Total Cyclery.

Notable donors to the events include Amazon, Kroger, Sam's Club, Rust-Oleum and Aurora Health Care.

Kenosha County Gang Intervention Supervisor Donna Rhodes said Kroger's grocery home delivery service will be at the Boys & Girls Club and Shalom Center sites, providing information about that service in areas that are considered food deserts due to a lack of nearby grocery stores.

A limited number of backpacks with school supplies will also be available at the Boys & Girls Club and Shalom Center, Rhodes added.

All children must be accompanied by an adult to participate in National Night Out events, Rhodes said.

"We're looking forward to connecting with many families during a great night of community building," Rhodes said.

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