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## National Night Out events to be held across Kenosha County on Aug. 6

National Night Out will be celebrated at four Kenosha locations and one in Twin Lakes from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2019.

The Kenosha locations are: The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha,  $1330\ 52^{nd}\ St.$ ; Lincoln Park, 6900  $18^{th}$  Ave.; St. John's Lutheran Church, 3833 Eighth Ave.; and St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Spirit Alive,  $8760\ 37^{th}$  Ave.

The Twin Lakes event, organized separately by the Twin Lakes Police Department, will take place at St. John's Catholic Church, 701 N. Lake Ave., Twin Lakes.

National Night Out is a national effort to build awareness of and strengthen participation in local anticrime efforts. Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser said the aim is to promote positive relationships between law enforcement, other public service agencies and the public.

"This is all about bringing people and resources together, and, simply, getting to know one another better," Kreuser said. "When we bring neighbors together, we have healthier neighborhoods and a stronger community."

Each location will feature food, games, activities, prizes and entertainment. At the Kenosha events, there will also be community resource tables with information from agencies including the Kenosha Unified School District, the Racine-Kenosha Community Action Agency, the Kenosha County Division of Health, Holiday House, the Kenosha Community Health Center and many more.

The Lincoln Park event will feature free backpacks supplied by Greater Mount Hebron Church, plus a mobile food pantry sponsored by 1HOPE and free haircuts for children. The Boys & Girls Club event will have free backpacks supplied by PLS Loan Store and free children's haircuts provided by Faded Barbershop for Men.

The St. John's and St. Paul's locations will offer school supplies donated by Herzing University. St. John's will also have a giveaway of footballs autographed by Kenosha-native NFL stars Trae Waynes and Melvin Gordon.

The Kenosha Unified School District will be at all city sites to provide information on the upcoming school year.

This year's free events in Kenosha are being sponsored by Niagara Bottling, Target, Piggly Wiggly-North, the Mary Lou and Arthur F. Mahone Foundation, the Kenosha Police Department, Greater Mount Hebron Church and Community Impact Programs. In addition, the City of Kenosha and Kenosha County are sponsors of the Boys & Girls Club and Lincoln Park events.

All children must be accompanied by an adult to participate in the National Night Out activities, said Donna Rhodes, Gang Intervention Supervisor for the Kenosha County Division of Children and Family Services.

"We hope you'll come out and share in a great night of community building," Rhodes said.

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