



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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12TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TO CELEBRATE 12TH YEAR OF BRINGING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER

This year more than ever it is important to bring our community together to honor law enforcement

Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy A. West, as Chair of the Southside National Night Out Committee, announces the 12th Annual Southside National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. The celebration will take place at Kosciuszko Park, 2201 S. 7th St., Milwaukee.

Sheriff David A. Clarke and the Milwaukee Police Department (District 2) co-sponsor the Southside National Night Out each year in hopes of building community, increasing positive relations with law enforcement, and honoring law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMS professionals for the work they do year round.

At the Southside National Night Out, organizers turn law enforcement officers into celebrities by having them “autograph” kids’ event t-shirts, which are paid for by sponsors.

“Sometimes the t-shirt signing is the only positive interaction these young people have with our law enforcement, and it can really have a lasting impact on both them and the officers,” noted Supervisor West. “This year has not been an easy one with regards to law enforcement-community relations. With all of the troubling and difficult events that have occurred, we believe it more important than ever to provide these sorts of positive interactions and hopefully provide a spark for positive community building between officers and the greater public.”

This year’s South Side National Night Out will also feature free admission to Pelican Cove, local dignitaries, a free Hot Dog Dinner, Law Enforcement and first responder displays, a resource area, a children’s area, A.W.E. Truck Studio (Make & take art projects for kids), music by DJ Monk and a concert by Maracujaz, Brazilian & American Jazz, starting at 6 p.m.

National Night Out is a community event designed to: heighten crime prevention awareness; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and to send a message to criminals, letting them know that neighborhoods are organizing and fighting back. The event is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW).

What: Southside National Night Out

Date: Tuesday, August 2

Time: 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Kosciuszko Park & Pelican Cove (2201 S. 7th St., Milwaukee)

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