

# Event Ideas

Neighborhoods celebrate **National Night Out** with a variety of events and activities such as:

- Small Potlucks or BBQ's
- Pizza Party
- Ice Cream Socials
- Games and Contests
- Block Party
- Picnic at a Neighborhood Park
- Live music or karaoke
- Community Clean-Up
- Meet New Neighbors
- Update Contact Lists

Fireworks are **NOT** allowed in the City of San José.



# COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: If San José is already registered nationally, why should my neighborhood register with the San José Police Department?**

A: The Crime Prevention Unit of the San José Police Department will log your event, number of participants, time and location. This will allow us to try and have police and other city representatives stop by and visit your event.

**Q: How can our neighborhood participate in this year's National Night Out?**

A: Participating neighborhoods nationwide are asked to turn on outside lights, lock their doors, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events ranging from small pot-lucks and BBQ's to large block parties. Be creative, it's up to you!

**Q: Is National Night Out just for current Neighborhood Watch areas?**

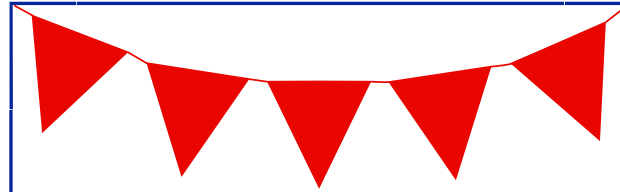
A: No! National Night Out is for everyone. The exciting thing about National Night Out is the opportunity to meet neighbors and celebrate your neighborhood. It's also a good opportunity to look toward the future and plan events to promote neighborhood safety and unity.

**Q: When should we begin planning our National Night Out event?**

A: Today! Register now and begin planning your event as soon as possible.

## Contact Us & Get Involved

SAN JOSÉ POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CRIME PREVENTION UNIT  
201 W. MISSION STREET  
SAN JOSE, CA 95110  
(408) 277-4133  
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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 4th, 2026

Building safer neighborhoods through prevention, education and community partnerships.



SAN JOSÉ POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

# Registration Information

**SJPD Online**

**Registration Deadline:  
Sunday, July 12th, 2026  
[www.SJPD.org](http://www.SJPD.org)**

- Registration is FREE!
- Register to have access to special materials and resources to help plan your NNO event.
- We will also add you to our list of NNO event sites to visit during the evening on NNO.
- Don't forget to register by, or before, the SJPD online registration deadline.

For questions, please contact:  
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## Important Deadlines

**Plan early, especially if permits for special events, park use, or street closures are necessary.**

If your event requires closing or blocking a public street, contact: San José Police Department, Permits Unit  
Phone: (408) 277-4452 | Web: [www.sjpd.org](http://www.sjpd.org)  
Street Closure (Block Party) permit applications must be submitted by **Sunday, July 12, 2026**.  
**In Person Applications are no longer accepted.**

If your event will be held at a city park, contact: City of San José, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, Special Park Use Unit  
Phone: (408) 794-6500 | E-mail: [SPUapplications@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:SPUapplications@sanjoseca.gov)  
Park permit applications must be submitted by **Sunday, July 12, 2026**. Please note, if you register your NNO event online with SJPD all fees for special park use will be waived.

If your event will be open to the general public and food will be served, contact: County of Santa Clara, Department of Environmental Health Consumer Protection Division  
Phone: (408) 918-3400  
Web: [www.EHinfo.org](http://www.EHinfo.org) or <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/cpd/programs/TE/Pages/home.aspx>  
Completed Temporary Event Permit applications and applicable fees must be received by DEH by **Tuesday, July 21, 2026**. Based on review of the application and the menu, DEH may issue an Authorization letter in lieu of the permits for low-risk food distribution (e.g., pre-packaged foods). Please note failure to meet the 2 week deadline may result in an inability to permit your event.

# About National Night Out

National Night Out (NNO) is a crime prevention event held every year on the first Tuesday in August. NNO is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the San José Police Department. This year over 38 million people across the country are expected to participate. Your neighborhood is invited to participate with many other neighborhoods across the City of San José in celebration of NNO on:

**Tuesday, August 4th, 2026**

## National Night Out is designed to:

- 👮 Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships
- 👮 Heighten crime prevention awareness
- 👮 Build connections within the community and get to know your neighbors
- 👮 Generate support for, and participation in, local crime prevention efforts like Neighborhood Watch



Join us today by registering your event at [WWW.SJPD.ORG](http://WWW.SJPD.ORG)  
We look forward to meeting you and your neighbors!

# Planning Checklist

**Here are some ideas to help:**

- ✓ Talk to your neighbors to find out if they are interested in planning a NNO event.
- ✓ Register your event locally with the San José Police Department. See registration instructions included in this brochure.
- ✓ **Registration is FREE** and gives police and other city representatives an opportunity to attend local events as time and circumstances allow.
- ✓ Make an invitation flyer and distribute to neighbors. Register to receive access to special materials and resources for your event.
- ✓ A few days before the NNO event, send a reminder to your neighbors about this fun evening to spend together!
- ✓ Plan activities for all ages!
- ✓ Take photos at your event! Share the photos with your neighbors and share on social media.

