

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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National Night Out picnics and potlucks slated for August

August 4 is National Night Out, a time when individuals and groups are encouraged to hold gatherings in parks and public spaces after dark. The idea is to symbolically reclaim these public spaces as safe and comfortable for wholesome activities.

Several such gatherings are scheduled in southwest Portland, mostly on the official date but a few a few days before or after. All the following are on August 4 unless otherwise indicated.

Arnold Creek – a potluck picnic 6 to 9 p.m. at Antioch Christian Fellowship Church, 10558 S.W. 35th Ave. **Bridlemile** – a potluck 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Hamilton Park. **Crestwood** – a potluck 6 to 8 p.m. at Dickinson Park.

Far Southwest – a potluck with Hawaiian music 1 to 4:30 p.m. August 8 at Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave.

Homestead – a potluck (the neighborhood will supply hot dogs) 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Duniway Park lilac garden.

Maplewood – an ice cream social with live music 1 to 4:30 p.m. August 2 at Maplewood School, 7452 S.W. 52nd Ave.

Marshall Park – a potluck 6 to 9 p.m. at Marshall Park. **South Portland** – a potluck, with food available for sale courtesy of the Ross Island Grocery, and music by the Wicki-Pickers, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Willamette Park.

West Portland Park – a potluck 5:30

to 7:30 p.m. at Holly Farm Park.

For a more complete list of Night Out events large and small, contact the Southwest Neighborhood Office at 503-823-4592. If nothing is going on in your area, or if you would like to organize a block party of your own, the Neighborhood Office can help you obtain street barriers and temporary insurance.

You will need the consent of all affected residents to block the street. Or, you can have a smaller gathering of friends



Crestwood National Night Out (Post file photo by Darien Reece)

on your yard or porch. If nothing else, leave your porch light burning to help your neighbors get home safely.

'Movies in the Park' coming soon to your neighborhood

Portland Parks and Recreation is offering free movies in selected parks in Southwest this month. The schedule is as follows: On Friday, August 7, "Hair-spray" will be shown at Willamette Park, and "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" will be shown at the Multnomah Arts Center. On Sunday, August 9, "Monsters Versus Aliens" will be shown at Dickinson Park.

The movies will begin at "dark," probably 8 to 9 p.m., and will be preceded by live entertainment. Food will be available for purchase, but feel free to bring your own (non-alcoholic) picnics, together with blanket or lawn chairs.

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