

# National Night Out parties include barbeques, potlucks and music

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National Night Out, this year August 6, is a time of year when people are encouraged to gather together in parks and other public spaces after dark.

Neighbors symbolically reclaim the space and, by their numbers, make it feel safe, rather than being a dead zone where crime and other bad things can occur.

Neighborhood associations often have organized activities on this night, and several are slated for this year. All events are Tuesday, August 6, unless otherwise noted. Below is a partial list:

**Arnold Creek:** 6:00 p.m. at Stephenson School athletic field. Bring food to a share for a potluck with free dessert from New Seasons Market. Music by the Saturnalia Trio.

**Bridlemile:** 6:30 p.m. at Hamilton Park. Bring a dish to share for a potluck; there will be music by The Beat Goes On Marching Band, field games and, they promise, friendship.

**Collins View:** August 4, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Lewis and Clark College pool. There will be tennis and swimming, with a lifeguard on duty.

The association will provide beverages and grilled food, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. In case of rain, go to Templeton Campus Center. No dogs.

**Crestwood:** 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Dickinson Park. Potluck and dessert.

**Hayhurst:** 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Pendleton Park. Kids activities and live music by Power Pep Band. Bike, walk or carpool, please.

**Hillsdale:** 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 9, at and hosted by The Watershed. Food, music and room to dance.

**Homestead:** 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Dunniway Park lilac garden, at the base of Southwest Terwilliger Boulevard, with free parking at the Shell station. They promise "food and fun."

**Maplewood:** 2 to 4:30 p.m. August 4 (some deviation in the official schedule is permitted), April Hill Park. An ice cream social is scheduled with ice cream donated by Alotto Gelato and



Crestwood National Night Out from previous years. (Post file photo by Jonathon Marrs)

beverages.

There will be children's games and activities, music by Late Empire, tours of the park's natural areas and proposed improvements, and a raffle to help fund these projects.

**Marshall Park:** 6 to 8 p.m. at Marshall Park. Complimentary barbeque and ice cream.

**Multnomah:** 7 to 8 p.m. at Spring Garden Park. Pie and ice cream complements of the association and Friends of Spring Garden.

**South Burlingame:** 5 to 8 p.m. at Burlingame Park. Bring a picnic dinner to share; the association will supply dessert.

Live music by the South Burlingame Jazz Youth Orchestra and Still Kickin', and a raffle for prizes by local merchants. Pets welcome on leashes.

**South Portland:** 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Willamette Park. The last of the free park concerts with The Wicky Pickers.

**West Portland Park:** 6:30 p.m. at Holly Farm Park. Bring food to share for a potluck.

Portland Police Bureau representatives will be at many of these events.

For information on other National Night Out gatherings in your area, call the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) office at 503-823-4592.

SWNI can also help set up a block party or gathering of your own. If nothing else, leave your porch light on that night to help your neighbors get home safely.

# Sellwood Bridge construction includes building a new culvert for Stephens Creek

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Work will continue this month on construction of the new Sellwood Bridge.

In fact, according to Multnomah County spokesperson Mike Pullen, a large number of crews will be at work on the project to take advantage of the opportunity to do "in water" work.

Construction work in the Willamette River will be forbidden after mid-October to accommodate migrating fish.

The work includes pile driving for the bridge's new piers. This involves generating some noise.

However, according to Pullen, so far the County has received no complaints from residents about this.

As part of the project, crews will shortly be installing a new Stephens Creek culvert. This will necessitate temporary removal of a pedestrian over-crossing.

Consequently, users of a regional trail will be detoured to Southwest Macadam Avenue between Nevada Street

and the Macadam Bay moorage this month.

The City and County are also proceeding with plans to reconfigure Southwest Miles Place as a narrow road with 4.5 foot shoulders on either side to accommodate increased bike traffic once the bridge is complete.

This plan replaces an earlier scheme to install a sidewalk on the west side of the street to accommodate pedestrians, and necessitate the removal of parking.

"I can't say that everyone is completely satisfied, but most people seem to think this is an improvement," Pullen said.



A Sellwood Bridge worker sprays a stream of water at one of the old west piers in July as a way to help control concrete dust during demolition. (Photo courtesy of Mike Pullen, Multnomah County)

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