



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2019 | 6 to 9 p.m.
Miller Park, 1651 18th St.

On Tuesday, Aug. 6, Florence Police Department is holding its second annual National Night Out (NNO). This fun community event brings thousands of families to Miller Park in Florence for an evening of safe activities, free dinner and snacks and getting to know local law enforcement. The event runs from 6 to 9 p.m.

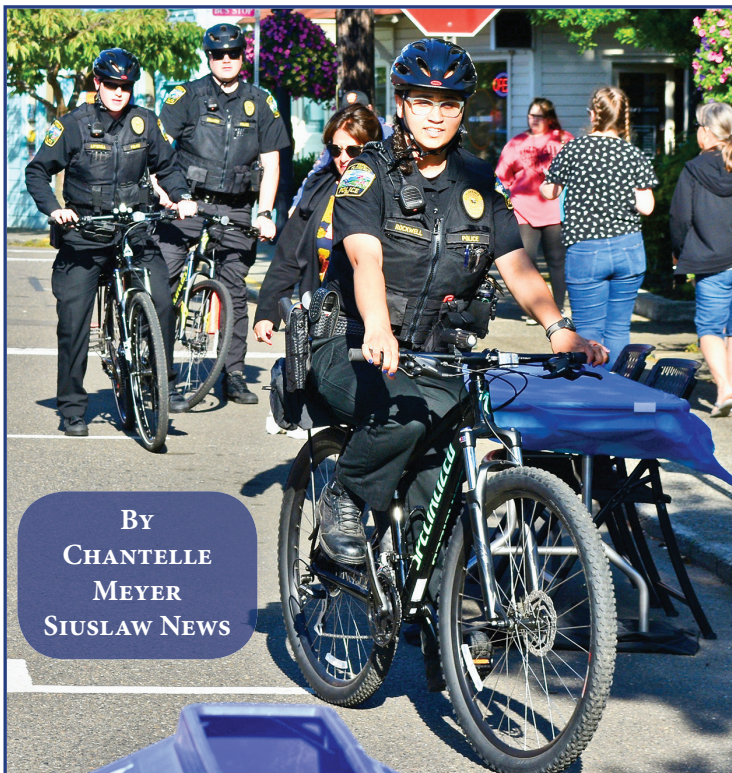
NNO is a community-police event in the United States celebrated by over 16,000 communities for the past 36 years. The event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch and other anti-crime efforts.

"We just want to educate everyone in the public," said Florence Police Department Executive Administrative Assistant Jamie Gorder, who plans the NNO event for the area each year.

"This year, I wanted to make sure that other parts of Lane County that are so close to us know that we're doing this. In the event that something should ever happen, it's our law enforcement that's going to be responding. Getting other kids and families to meet our law enforcement in a non-crisis environment and having that strong partnership will be great."

Florence Police Department will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers, chips, cotton candy and soft drinks at no cost to the public. There will be a variety of giant inflatable play structures and kid games with visits by police officers, City of Florence Public Works, city staff, firefighters, the Coast Guard and paramedics.

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County Emergency Management and ARC of Lane County will also be in attendance providing activities for all residents.

Local youth will be able to get their faces painted, have a balloon animal made and interact with local first responders.

Florence Police Department's 2018 event earned the NNO's Rookie of the Year Award due to the positive community interaction it generated.

Gorder said the first year was something new and exciting but didn't have a lot of community expectations.

"Now, going into this year, you think, 'Look what I have to live up to!' But it is working itself out. We get so much community support," she said.

According to Gorder, this year will feature "so many different things from last year,"

including live music, an increased amount of bounce structures and more reasons for people to explore the entire Miller Park.

"We've brought in a couple more giant inflatables because that seemed to be a really big hit," Gorder said. "We're bringing in three really big, fun ones to try to target some of the older kids."

Miller Park's Snack Shack will also have free cotton candy.

The activities will be spread throughout the park, mostly so the inflatable activities can access the park's electrical grid

"I like it spread out this way because some people didn't know our park was as large as it is and that there are that many baseball fields," Gorder added. "With the city getting the new snack shack, there's a part of the park under construction, so I like that we're utilizing the whole park."

The live music will be recognizable to people who attended the 2019 Power of Florence Parking Lot as the Tavish Sextet plays jazz from the center of the park.

"I want people to bring chairs and blankets and just sit and enjoy some great jazz music," Gorder said.

Nearby, Florence Kiwanis Club will guide kids in a variety of lawn games.

For those kids who get overwhelmed by large community events, "ARC of Lane County will offer a kind of sensory tent for children who have trouble processing and have different needs than other kids," Gorder said. "They will also have a fun activity to do, which is a great addition."

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