

Did You Know . . .

By Chief Mathew Workman
Vernonia Police Department



Every-
one is in-
vited to
"Vernon-
ia Night
Out" (for-
m e r l y
National
N i g h t

Out) on August 22, at Anderson
Park. I am tentatively planning

to have a BBQ, music, raffles,
as well as police and fire first
responder demonstrations.
Last year almost 500 people at-
tended and had a great time
showing criminals what we
think of them and how strong
our community is. Watch for
more details in future issues. If
you are a business or individual
and would like to donate to fund
Vernonia Night Out please con-
tact Chief Mathew Workman at
the police department.

A common complaint or
question we receive at the po-
lice department is how long you
can park a car, truck, motorcy-
cle, boat, RV, trailer, etc. on the
street. Vernonia City Ordinance
#745 Section 13 states that you
cannot store any of these items
on a public street for more than
24 hours. Section 17 prohibits
parking in an alley unless load-
ing and unloading but for no
more than 20 consecutive min-
utes. Section 18 prohibits park-

ing on a street or any public
right-of-way for the principal
purpose of; displaying for sale,
repairing or servicing (except
emergency), advertising from
vehicle, or selling merchandise
(except when authorized). Sec-
tion 19 addresses "heavy vehi-
cle parking" which is prohibited
unless delivering items or if a
permit is obtained from City
Hall (State, Rose, Elm, and
Knott Streets are exempt).

I often get asked if a daycare

or scout troop can take a tour of
the department. The answer is
absolutely "yes." The police de-
partment is a central part of our
community and I feel it is very
important for our youth groups
and even adult groups to be
comfortable and knowledge-
able about our organization.
We frequently present our po-
lice station to groups in the
form of a tour. Though our de-
partment is not large we are al-

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