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# News Release

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## **City of Hughson Prepares for 2014 National Night Out**

"National Night Out celebrations provide a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to meet their neighbors and for City officials to listen to the public safety needs of the community" – Hughson Chief of Police Darin Gharat.

The introduction of National Night Out (NNO), "America's Night Out Against Crime," in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Night Out culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August ([www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org)).

The City of Hughson has embraced the NNO vision and last year saw a remarkable increase in participation by residents with twice as many registered events from the prior year. The Hughson Family Resource Center (Citizens for a Healthy Community) partnered with the City of Hughson, Hughson Police Services, Hughson Fire Protection District, local neighborhood watch groups, community partners and residents to coordinate efforts culminating with ten (10) registered events throughout the City. Local events involved bbqs, potlucks, ice cream sundaes, root beer floats, activities for the kids, good conversation, and plenty of smiles. The Hughson Family Resource Center (Citizens for a Healthy Community) provided (and will again) each registered host with the popular NNO Party Kit that include bottled water, party supplies, and fun items for the kids.

The City is on track to exceed last year's success with a total of 18 registered events already for this year's event that will take place on August 5, 2014 (6:00pm – 9:00pm). Samaritan Village, a new partner this year, is joining in the festivities and will be hosting an ice cream social for its residents and their families. Additional information regarding this year's event is available on the City's website ([www.hughson.org](http://www.hughson.org)). A map of registered events will also be available once finalized on the City's website so that residents have an opportunity to visit events in or near their neighborhoods.

The Mayor and the City Council, along with Police and Fire personnel and other elected officials, will participate in the kid-popular caravan of public safety vehicles and will make its way around town (along with its sirens and lights) to visit all registered events located throughout the city.

The Hughson City Council meets at 7:00pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Meetings of the Hughson City Council are held at City Hall located at 7018 Pine Street, Hughson, CA. For more information, please visit the City of Hughson website at [www.hughson.org](http://www.hughson.org) or call 209.883.4054.

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