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Delaware County announces participation in National Night Out

Delaware County Council joined various members of law enforcement during its July 25 council meeting to announce local participation in National Night Out. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and strengthen the community.

National Night Out was founded in 1984 by Lower Merion resident and Town Watch volunteer Matt Peskin. He spent several years volunteering for the Lower Merion Community Watch program, which works in cooperation with the Lower Merion Police Department. Peskin created a newsletter to communicate to residents and soon reached out to surrounding townships to share ideas and content. Peskin realized that hundreds of community watch groups existed without a platform or association to connect them together, and soon after he founded National Night Out.

34 years later, millions of residents take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. This year's event takes place on August 7. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much more.

"We commend those involved in planning these local Night Outs," said Councilman Mike Culp. "National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement and strengthens the sense of community in Delaware County."

This year several townships and boroughs in Delaware County are participating including Darby, Haverford, Lansdowne, Marple, Springfield, Upland, Upper Darby and Yeadon.

2018 Participants in Delaware County include:

Darby: 5pm-8pm at the Darby Township Police Department. 2 Studevan Plaza Sharon Hill, PA

Haverford Township: 6pm-9pm at the Quarry Center. 116 W. Township Line Rd. Havertown, PA

Lansdowne: 6pm-8pm at the Highland Ave. Municipal Lot in Lansdowne.

Marple Township: 5pm-8pm at Cardinal O'Hara High School. 1701 S. Sproul Rd. Springfield, PA

Springfield: 6pm-9pm Springfield Country Club parking lot. 400 W Sproul Rd. Springfield, PA

Upland Borough: 6pm-9pm at Bristol Lord Field. 6th & Main Streets. Upland, PA

Upper Darby: 6pm-8pm at Upper Darby High School. 601 N Lansdowne Ave. Drexel Hill, PA

Yeadon: 5pm-8pm at Evans Elementary School. 900 Baily Rd. Yeadon, PA