



Night to Unite Celebrating Community!

Register your block party at
www.plymouthmn.gov/ntu

Register early! Plymouth Police and Fire Departments are able to visit 100 parties on Night to Unite. Police visits are assigned based on the order in which the registrations were received.

On Thursday, July 25, the Public Safety Department will host a meeting for Night to Unite Coordinators at the Plymouth Creek Center. A drawing will be held to award 20 fire department visits on NTU.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTIES

Neighbors are encouraged to enjoy an evening outside together to get to know one another and to promote safety in their neighborhoods.

Gatherings can be as simple as potluck dinners or ice-cream socials.

Plymouth police officers, firefighters and government officials will take to the streets on NTU to visit neighborhood block parties.



Plymouth Public Safety Department
3400 Plymouth Blvd., Plymouth, MN 55447
www.plymouthmn.gov
763-509-5160



◆ Night to Unite Coordinators Meeting

Thursday, July 25
6:30 p.m.
Plymouth Creek Center, 14800 34th Avenue North

◆ Night to Unite Evening Block Parties

Tuesday, August 6
6:30-9 p.m.



GETTING STARTED

Recruit a neighbor to help you!
It's more fun to plan with a buddy!

Night to Unite: The Basics

- ◇ Where will we hold the party? _____
- ◇ In case of rain, will we cancel or will we relocate to another location, and where?

- ◇ What types of food and refreshments do we want to serve?

- ◇ Neighborhood grill-outs, potluck dinners, pizza parties, submarine sandwiches, pig roasts, ice-cream socials, kabobs, dessert buffets, dinner from “around the world” (bring a dish from your heritage with copies of the recipes!), neighborhood salad bar (families bring a salad item and their favorite dressings).
- ◇ What should neighbors bring? Do we want to make assignments?

- ◇ Identify neighborhood resources. Who has grills, tables, chairs, garbage and recycling cans? Are they willing to bring them to the party?
- ◇ Don't forget the ketchup, mustard, other condiments.
- ◇ What other things will we need? Paper plates, silverware, napkins, tables, chairs, coolers, ice, extension cords, garbage cans, name tags, a sign-in sheet, grills, music, etc.

- ◇ Do we want to ask local businesses for door prizes?
- ◇ Do we want to have a “donation jar” at the party to support this year's or next year's party?
- ◇ Do we want to reserve a barricade from the Public Works Department to help block off our cul-de-sac on Night to Unite? Supplies are limited; call Public Works early, 763-509-5950.
- ◇ Who can help create a flyer for our event? We also can use the City's fillable NTU flyer to create our flyer.

Night to Unite School Supplies & Food Drive

- ◇ Do we want to participate in the NTU back-to-school supplies and food drive? If so, who can drop off our donations at Interfaith Outreach, 1605 County Road 101 North or at Prism, 1220 Zane Ave N, or at another service organization or church?
- ✓ Do we want to highlight the NTU school supply and food drive on our flyer?

What can kids & teens do to help us? (Once you've got the kids hooked, you've got their parents hooked too!)

- ◇ Recruit volunteers to help with set up/tear down/clean up.

- ◇ Think of fun activities for Night to Unite. Plan the activities and have teens run them!
- * Scavenger hunts, fish ponds, face painting
- * Tricycle races for adults
- * Exchange “white elephant” gifts or have theme attire
- * Kids' parade: decorate bikes, pets, wagons, etc.
- * Water-balloon toss, 3-legged races, wagon races, kids pull adults in wagons
- * Basic first-aid learning stations for children
- * Bocce ball, badminton, live music, karaoke, disc jockeys, limbo or dance contests
- * Neighborhood trivia challenges: match the family to their home, match the dog to his/her owners, name-the-pet challenge, etc.



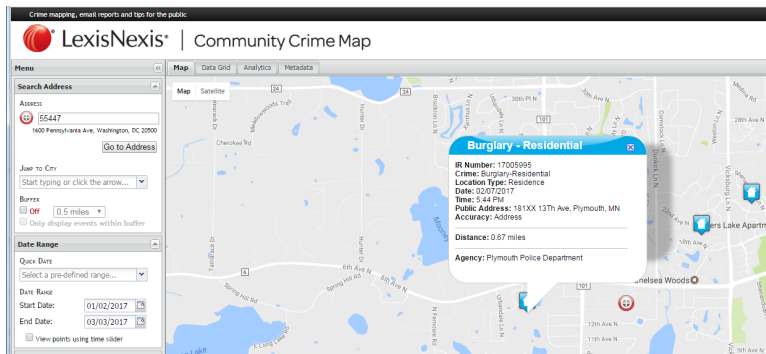
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Communication Tools

- ◇ Use a sign-up sheet to create a neighborhood phone directory or email distribution list.
- ◇ Promote E-notify, Twitter and Facebook at www.plymouthmn.gov.
- ◇ Introduce communitycrimemap.com as a tool to follow local crime patterns and trends.



Promote Crime Prevention at Your Night to Unite Party

- ◇ Remind neighbors to:
 - Dial 9-1-1 to report suspicious activity.
 - Lock up; 60-80 percent of all residential burglaries involve a no-force entry.
 - Light up the block. Use motion sensitive lights and light timers. Make homes look occupied 24/7.
 - Reinforce locks on garage service doors. Doors should have a single cylinder dead-bolt lock.
 - Remove garage-door openers from vehicles that are parked in the driveway. Remove personal property and keep vehicles locked.
 - Keep overhead garage doors closed.

Plymouth Public Safety Programs

The Public Safety Citizens Academy is a free, 36 hour, 12 week course geared toward expanding public knowledge of the Public Safety Department. Each week, a different aspect of policing is featured through lectures and hand-on-demonstrations. The academy helps strengthen the partnership between the public safety professionals and the community by sharing information and promoting a better understanding of public safety services.

Alert Plymouth, E-notify, Twitter & Facebook (www.plymouthmn.gov): Electronic communication is an effective way to notify the community of a crime pattern or trend, missing person, criminal suspect or program opportunity.

Drug Deactivation Bags: Plymouth residents can now safely dispose of unwanted medications in their trash by using new drug deactivation bags. These bags are free to residents and are available for pickup during normal business hours at the Plymouth Public Safety Department.

Peddler & Solicitor Window Clings: "Peddlers and Solicitors Prohibited" window clings posted at the entrance of your home or business prohibit uninvited people from coming to your home or business to sell goods or services -even if that person holds a peddler's license issued by the City of Plymouth. Dial 9-1-1 if solicitors disregard this sign or if they harass, intimidate or threaten you.

Home Premise Security Surveys: A police representative will come to your home to discuss your safety concerns and security needs, and will give you crime prevention recommendations customized to your home. Call 763-509-5135 to schedule a free appointment.

File-of-Life Program: The File-of-Life Program allows you to keep your latest medical information – including allergies, medications, contact persons – all in one safe place so that it is easily accessible by police, fire or EMS in a medical emergency. Download cards at www.plymouthmn.gov/file-of-life. To request a magnetic File-of-Life folder, call 763-509-5198.

The Vitals App: The Vitals App is an opt-in, app-based technology that provides first responders and police with real-time information about vulnerable individuals living with emotional, intellectual, and developmental disabilities. Individuals or caregivers create an online digital profile that includes relevant information on an individual's condition. Once a digital profile has been created for a person, he or she wears a beacon – which can be a keychain, necklace, wallet-sized card, bracelet or an Android phone. Police officers carry smartphones equipped with the Vitals app, so when a beacon comes within 80 feet of an officer or first responder equipped with the service, the officer receives a notification about the person's diagnosis and how to best interact with him or her.

Home Alone Workshops: Home Alone workshops are for children ages 8-10. The workshops are designed to help prepare kids for staying home alone. Police officers and firefighters discuss 9-1-1, crime prevention in the home, severe weather awareness, scalds and burns, and home-fire escape plans. Call 763-509-5198 to learn more about the workshops. There is a \$5 fee to attend this class.

Tours of the Police & Fire Departments: To schedule a tour of the Police Department, call 763-509-5135. To schedule a tour of a Fire Station, call 763-509-5120.

OUR BLOCK PARTY

TO DO LIST



Date	Name	Task	Completed

Alert Plymouth Test

Alert Plymouth is a tool the City of Plymouth uses to call, text and/or email residents in an emergency. To sign up or for more information, visit plymouthmn.gov/alertplymouth. The City of Plymouth conducts a test of Alert Plymouth, its emergency notification system on NTU. The test notification is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6.