

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT- AUGUST 5TH
AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

On Tuesday, August 5th, neighborhoods throughout Grosse Pte. Woods are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “20th annual National Night Out” (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by Grosse Pte. Woods, will involve over 9,800 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 33 million people are expected to participate in America’s “Night Out Against Crime” on August 5th. NNO 2003 is being supported in part by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

National Night Out is designed to:

1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
2. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
3. Generate support for, and participation in local anticrime efforts
4. Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7 to 10p.m. on August 5th, residents in neighborhoods throughout Grosse Pte. Woods and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors. By getting to know your neighbors, you establish a strong crime-prevention alliance and create a neighborhood network of “eyes and ears”.

All of us are concerned about becoming the victim of a crime, but none of us can fight crime alone. By isolating ourselves behind locked doors and not knowing our neighbors, we actually make it easier for burglars and other criminals to take advantage of our neighborhoods. Distrust and isolation hurts our neighbors, our children and ourselves.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS.....

1. Have adequate lighting around your home
2. Trim back trees and bushes to minimize hiding places for criminals
3. Make sure all exterior doors are of solid wood or steel construction (including doors leading into the house from attached garages).
4. Install dead-bolt locks for additional protection on all exterior doors
5. Have effective locks on all windows (and use them!)
6. Store valuables in a safe or a bank’s safe-deposit box
7. Report suspicious people or vehicles in the neighborhood
8. When you are on vacation, have the mail and newspapers picked up and make arrangements to have the lawn cut or snow removed.
9. Keep bikes, snow-blower, lawn-mowers, etc. locked in the garage
10. If you suspect a burglary when you arrive home, do not enter the house. Call police from a safe location.
11. Never allow strangers in your home and ask for I.D. of utility workers.

Remember: No law enforcement agency can effectively protect life and property without the cooperation, support, and involvement of the community. If you would like to learn more about home security or personal protection, contact the Grosse Pte. Woods Crime Prevention Division at 343-2416.