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REGISTER BLOCK PARTIES FOR ROSEMOUNT'S "NIGHT TO UNITE"

Rosemount residents can take a stand against crime and in favor of strong neighborhoods by registering now for Night to Unite.

This year's observance is set for Tuesday, August 4. Police, Fire, and other City representatives will visit registered block parties between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

In recent years more than 30 neighborhoods have staged block parties on Night to Unite. Residents turn on their lights and lock the doors to meet with neighbors. Public safety personnel demonstrate the equipment they use and offer safety tips.

"The connections that are made and strengthened through Night to Unite carry far beyond a single evening," Rosemount Police Officer Julie Pulkrabek said. "Close-knit neighborhoods are safe neighborhoods because neighbors look out for each other. They know when something suspicious is occurring in the neighborhood."

Police and Fire personnel who visit block parties will also collect personal hygiene products to assist Dakota County families in need. Items are needed such as toilet paper, shampoo, soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste, and deodorant.

For block parties that are registered by July 31, City crews will deliver barricades to close off the street for the celebration.

Residents who would like to organize a party can contact Rosemount Police at (651) 322-3122 or visit www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/night.

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