



# MINNESOTA'S NIGHT TO UNITE **Planning Kit 2019**

*It's time to start planning  
your neighborhood's  
Night To Unite celebration!*

Join neighborhoods around Minnesota in celebrating Minnesota's Night To Unite on **Tuesday, Aug 6!**

Cohesive neighborhoods are key to preventing crime, and Night to Unite is an opportunity for our neighborhoods and community to come together around the shared goal of a safe and healthy community. It also reinforces the Police Department's partnership with our residents to deter crime.

## **10 Reasons To Have A NTU Block Party**

- 1. To have fun.** Who needs an excuse to celebrate!
- 2. To meet your neighbors.** When you know who lives in your neighborhood, you are more likely to identify strangers or suspicious people.
- 3. To increase the sense of belonging in your neighborhood.**
- 4. To organize a neighborhood watch.** Visit [goldenvalleymn.gov/police/watch/index.php](http://goldenvalleymn.gov/police/watch/index.php) for more information.
- 5. To make community connections.** When you know people, you can exchange skills or resources and perhaps organize a book club, baby-sitting co-op, share walking to school duties, or find new friends for your children.
- 6. To "use" the street for one day.** (for rollerblading, street hockey, riding bikes, etc)
- 7. To meet long-time neighborhood residents.** Learning the neighborhood's history could prevent future issues.
- 8. To update your neighborhood map.** Make sure to include all your neighbor's names, phone numbers, and emails.
- 9. To remind each other of crime prevention basics.** (locking doors, closing garage doors, turning on lights, calling)
- 10. To start a neighborhood tradition of getting together at least once a year!**

## **Make an invitation or use the enclosed invitation.**

Simply fill in the invitation with the details of your gathering, make copies, and distribute them to your neighbors. Invitations are also available at [www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/nighttounite](http://www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/nighttounite).

# Dates to Remember



## ☆ Friday, July 26—Register your party with the Police Department

To register your Night To Unite gathering, visit the City website and complete the short form and street closing form. If you are unable to register online, fill out the enclosed form and return it to the Police Department. It's important to register so we can do our very best to send a Police or Fire Department representative to your party.

If you have questions about closing your street, contact Sgt Mark Persons at 763-593-8079 or [mpersons@goldenvalleymn.gov](mailto:mpersons@goldenvalleymn.gov), or visit [goldenvalleymn.gov/events/nighttounite/index.php](http://goldenvalleymn.gov/events/nighttounite/index.php).



**The Police Department will hand out giveaways as its members visit Night To Unite gatherings.**



## PRISM Food Drive

The Police and Fire Departments encourage neighborhoods to collect non-perishable food (no glass jars) and/or personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, laundry detergent) and school supplies for the PRISM Food Shelf (see enclosed flyer).

If your neighborhood chooses to participate, please notify us. Police and Fire personnel will be happy to pick up these donations while visiting your neighborhood's Night To Unite celebration. If we're unable to stop by your gathering, please deliver your donations to the Public Safety Building by Friday, Aug 9. Please feel free to reproduce the enclosed flyer, and note that we have included this information on the bottom of the invitation template.

**Last year, we collected more than 3,500 pounds of donations!**

### Please Note

- ☆ Due to the large number of Golden Valley neighborhoods that participate in MN's Night To Unite, we are unable to accommodate specific requests (eg, squad cars at a specific time to lead a kiddy parade). We will do our best to have someone visit every gathering that has registered!
- ☆ In 2003, the Minnesota Legislature passed a bill stating that the location of MN's Night To Unite is public information. We will provide individuals requesting the information with a list of Night To Unite gatherings in Golden Valley and their general location (no specific addresses or names).
- ☆ The City is unable to accommodate requests for picnic tables as there are no extra tables available.



This document is available in alternate formats upon a 72-hour request. Please call 763-593-8006 (TTY: 763-593-3968) to make a request. Examples of alternate formats may include large print, electronic, Braille, audiocassette, etc.

