



# Plan Your Neighborhood Celebration!

Cohesive neighborhoods are key to preventing crime, and Night to Unite is an opportunity for neighborhoods and communities to come together around the shared goal of safe and healthy community. A Night to Unite celebration takes a little motivation, some planning, a lot of cooperation, and the willingness to enjoy time with your neighbors!

- ◆ Complete the registration form located on the Night to Unite Page and send it to City Hall or drop it off.
- ◆ The Hanover Fire Department, local law enforcement, and Hanover City Council members will be visiting the neighborhoods on August 6th. Be sure to let City Hall know who you would like to visit your celebration—the **deadline is September 28th**.
- ◆ Get organized! Share the responsibilities of planning and being in charge of the invitations/flyers, activities, kids' entertainment, food, set up, and clean up.

## 10 Reasons to Have a Night to Unite Celebration

1. To have fun! No excuse is needed 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 group.
5. To make community connections. When you know people, you can exchange skills or resources and perhaps organize a book club, babysitting co-op, or find new friends for your children.
6. To "use" the street for one day.
7. To meet long-time neighborhood residents and learn the neighborhood's history.
8. To update your neighborhood map, including all your neighbor's names, phone numbers, and emails.
9. To remind each other of crime prevention basics such as locking doors, closing the garage door, etc.
10. To start a neighborhood tradition of getting together at least once a year!

