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Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and Loves Park Police Department Invite Community to National Night Out 2026

MACHESNEY PARK, IL – The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and the Loves Park Police Department invite residents of all ages to attend National Night Out 2026 on Tuesday, August 4, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Machesney Park Town Center, 8750 N. 2nd Street, Machesney Park.

This **FREE** family-friendly event is designed to bring neighbors and first responders together for an evening of fun, education, and community engagement.

Attendees can enjoy a variety of activities and attractions, including:

- Classic Car Show
- FREE food
- Magician
- Police vehicles, Fire Trucks & a Helicopter landing
- Inflatable hockey rink
- Interactive demonstrations
- Activities for children

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong partnerships between law enforcement, first responders, and the communities they serve. The event provides an opportunity for residents to meet the men and women who protect their neighborhoods, ask questions, learn about public safety programs, and strengthen the relationships that help keep our communities safe. The event also features representatives from numerous public safety agencies, community organizations, and local partners who work together year-round.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, meet their local first responders, explore emergency vehicles and equipment, enjoy the free activities, and discover the many resources available throughout the community.

For more information, follow the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and Loves Park Police Department on social media.

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