

National Night Out set for Tuesday

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It is a little later than previous years, but the Village of Saukville will again host the local National Night Out observance on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

The event will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. at Grady Park.

Part of a nationwide campaign, local Night Out organizers explained that the program is designed to increase public awareness of crime-prevention efforts in their community.

Saukville Police Officer Emily Neese has coordinated the countywide program since it started six year ago.

Neese said the timing was pushed back a week to get more commitments from participating organizations.

“We ended up paying more money and basically getting less as far as people, demonstrations and equipment,” she said.

Neese said the Saukville Police Department will participate in the event, along with the Ozaukee County Sheriff’s Department jail and detectives bureau, Grafton, Port Washington and Cedarburg police departments.

Cedarburg police will also bring Jake, their K-9 Unit dog.

Police representatives from Bayside, Thiensville, Mequon and Fredonia have also been invited.

The county’s Hazmat team will also participate, as will the Saukville Fire Department and ambulance, Cedarburg Emergency Government, Civil Air Patrol, National Guard, federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

A Flight for Life helicopter landing is planned for 8 p.m.

Neese said a revamped obstacle course is planned as well as a new challenge for those who want to test their evidence collecting skills.

To make room for an influx of exhibitors, the basketball shooting contest was dropped.

A fast-pitch radar display will return, as will a bounce house and climbing wall manned by members of the National Guard.

As in years past, a host of raffle prizes will be offered — including a \$125 gift card from Target toward the price of a new bike. A raffle ticket will be given for each non-perishable food item brought to the event, with a maximum of four items per person.

Free hotdogs, chips, popcorn, soda, water and ice cream will be provide to those who attend.

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Planned demonstrations include an appearance by McGruff the Crime Dog at 6:30 p.m., a competition between Saukville police and firefighters at 7 p.m. and K-9 Jake at 7:30 p.m.

Raffle winners will be announced starting at 7:45 p.m.