



COMMUNITY/CSOSA/MPD PARTNERSHIP WAS VISIBLE THROUGHOUT ALL THE SEVEN POLICE DISTRICTS IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2015.

“The Community Supported National Night Out 2015”
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National Night Out (NNO) is an annual event that is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, which takes place on the first Tuesday in August. Each year, local and federal law enforcement entities encourage participation in the NNO by rallying community members throughout the District to join with their neighbors and community leaders to be a part of this annual event. The NNO campaign involves citizens, civic groups, businesses, local and national officials from all 50 states and US territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide partnering with law enforcement entities to reclaim their neighborhoods. NNO is designed to:

1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
2. Generate support for, and participation in local anti-crime programs;
3. Strengthen law enforcement-community Partnerships, and;
4. Send a unified/national message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and are willing to fight back.

On Tuesday, August 4, 2015, thousands of District of Columbia residents joined their neighbors, community leaders, local police officers, CSOSA staff members, as well as CSOSA offender-volunteers to celebrate and support National Night Out. From community cook-outs, block parties, candlelight vigils and athletic events, DC residents were out in large numbers to support the 32th Annual “America’s Night-Out Against Crime.” The District’s Citywide Kick-off was hosted in the Fourth District at

the Takoma Recreation Center. Mayor Muriel Bowser, MPD Chief Cathy Lanier, various Councilmen, and other dignitaries were there to preside over this event; including CSOSA’s Director, Nancy M. Ware. A cadre of CSOSA’s Officers and staff members were also present to show their support for this crime prevention and public safety initiative. The NNO events had activities of interest for all age groups. Of course, the Sixth District celebration was my nomination for being best attend-

ed, with the most activities. Participants enjoyed face painting, bike riding, rock climbing and an array of moon-bounces and food galore. Representatives from the National Guard, and other Law Enforcement Agencies were also present in force demonstrating solidarity with law-abiding citizens. If you were in the 6th District at the River Terrace Park, you were at the right place! Examples of the prevailing spirit of this event can be seen in this Newsletter’s Photo Gallery!



Sixth District youth took a break from the fun and games to pose for this photo opportunity. Ward Seven Councilwoman Yvette Alexander joined the young ladies in this picture in the rear.



Court Services and Offender Supervision staff from multiple field sites throughout the city converged on the River Terrace Park located in the Sixth District to demonstrate their support NNO festivities.

PHOTO GALLERY: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT



Ward Seven Councilmember Yvette Alexander seized the opportunity to stand between myself (Lawrence Jordan) and two CSOSA Community Supervision Officers.



Community members were invited to ride along with some of MPD's Officers that are assigned patrol duty utilizing mountain bikes. The park bike trail was the perfect venue.



Sixth District ANC Commissioner, Dorothy Douglas (l) was photographed as she stood in front of a very active rock climbing wall that was supplied by US Park Service East.



Former District of Columbia Mayor Vincent Gray was in attendance at the Sixth District NNO Activities, as is shown in this photo opportunity with River Terrace activist Cheryl Foster.

Announcements:

- ◆ Citywide CJAN Forum, September 30th, 2015; Kellogg Center, Gallaudet University, 6:30PM – 8:30PM
- ◆ Sixth District CJAN Meeting, October 29th, 2015; The location TBA , 6:30PM – 8:30PM

A MESSAGE FOR THE SIXTH DISTRICT



Neighbors and residents of the Sixth District:/ Ward Seven:

Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency's (CSOSA) mission remains to increase public safety, prevent crime, reduce recidivism, and support the fair administration of Justice, in close collaboration with the community. Our service to the District of Columbia is to establish strict accountability and to prevent the population that we supervise from engaging in criminal activity. In the Sixth District, we intend to achieve our objectives through engaging in activities that support the natural active systems, thus positively hedging the reintegration outcome of those that we supervise.

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