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AUBURN POLICE TO CELEBRATE SAFE, STRONG COMMUNITY AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUBURN, ME – On Tuesday, **August 1**, Festival Plaza and Main Street will be the scene for the Auburn Police Department's **National Night Out** against crime. The event – which begins at 5:30pm and goes until dusk - will draw Auburn residents downtown for food, fun, live music, and a family-friendly block party.

This is the 14th year that the Auburn PD has hosted National Night Out (NNO), which is a free, anti-crime, public safety event. Department staff and volunteers will serve up hotdogs and beverages and plenty of family style fun. There will be police equipment on display, and the Auburn Fire Department and other community partners will be on hand. Other highlights will include: popcorn from the Marshall Popcorn Truck (an Auburn treasure); face painting; games & activities; a bounce house; an inflatable "boot camp" obstacle course; and so much more. Volunteers will provide child ID kits, balloons and lots of give-aways. Live music will create the ultimate fun & festive atmosphere.

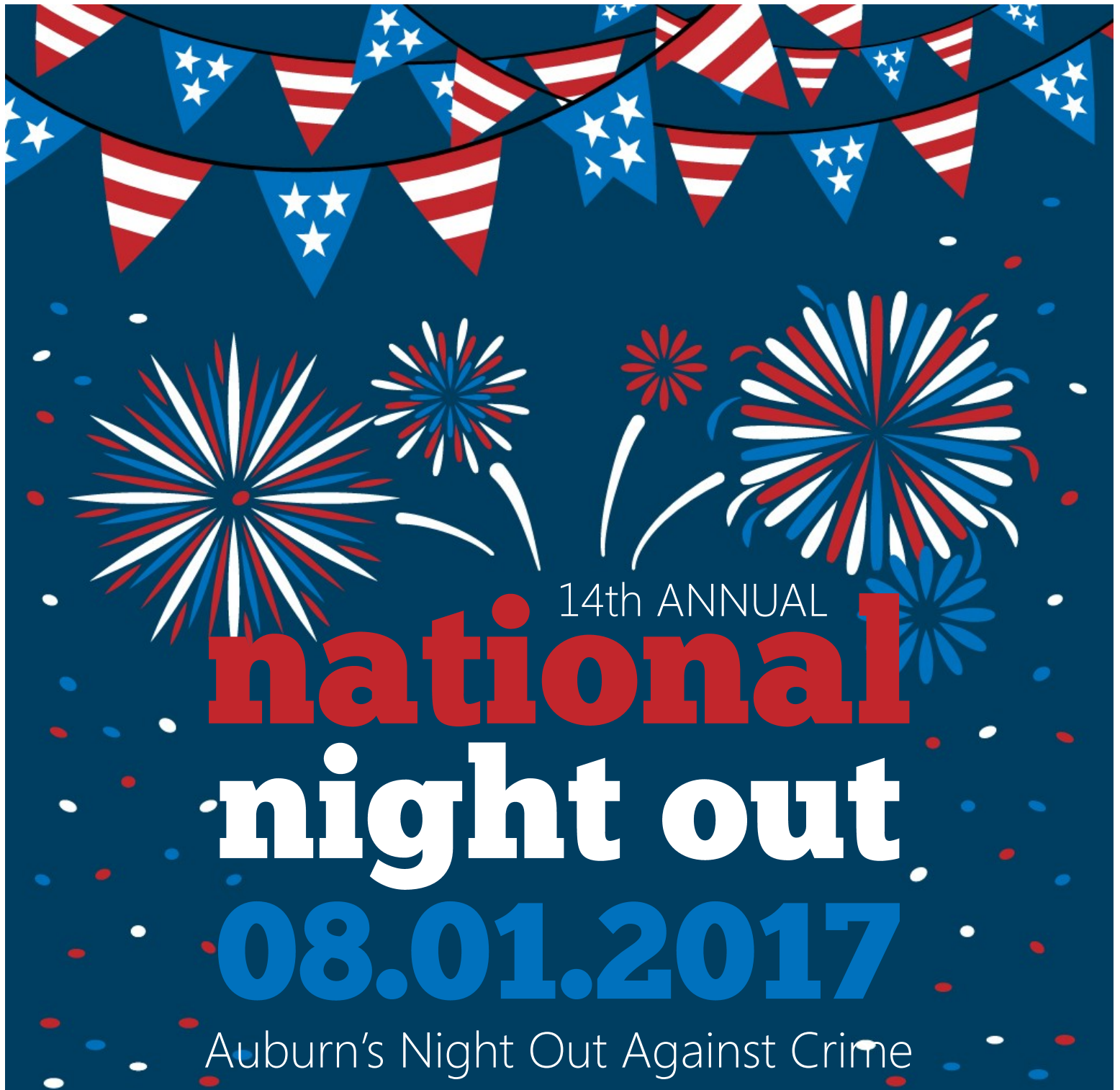
This year, kids who attend will have the chance to take on Mayor Jonathan LaBonté and Auburn native and professional basketball star Troy Barnies in a basketball shooting contest.

"This community is so supportive of our agency. We really enjoy getting everyone together each year to show the unbreakable police-community partnership that flourishes here in Auburn. When we stand, side-by-side, to push back the darkness of crime, our community is stronger and safer. This is community policing at its best." said Police Chief Phil Crowell.

For 34 years, NNO has been America's annual *night out against crime*. It is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. While Auburn residents spend Tuesday evening celebrating in Festival Plaza, communities across America will be doing the exact same thing. More than 16,000 communities from all 50 states - almost **38 million** people in all – participate in National Night Out each year.

For more information on Auburn's National Night Out, please contact Liz Allen at 333-6650 X2070 or LAllen@AuburnMaine.gov.

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5:30pm | Main Street & Festival Plaza

Show that our community is **strong & safe**. Join us for National Night Out: *Auburn's night out against crime!*



**Bounce House Hula-hoop/jump rope contests Face painting & Child ID kits
McGruff the Crime Dog APD motorcycle & K9 teams Hot dogs & lemonade
Auburn Fire Department, L-A 9-1-1 & other community partners
Popcorn from the Marshall Popcorn Truck Balloons & give-aways and MORE!**