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### **33rd Annual National Night Out (NNO)**

#### **Village of Richton Park**

RICHTON PARK, IL. July 26, 2016 – On Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at Glaeser Park (Rockingham Ave & Poplar Ave), neighborhoods throughout Richton Park are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the “33rd Annual National Night Out” (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Richton Park Police Department, will involve over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world.

August 2nd, from 6:30pm to 10:00pm, Richton Park residents and those across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. This event is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Last year, Richton Park’s NNO event took place at Glaeser Park and was a huge success primarily because of great attendance and contributions provided by the business community. With more than 500 participants, residents were able to meet and partner on addressing crime to keep our community safe. Now entering its’ 33<sup>rd</sup> year, NNO expects over 38 million neighbors, across more than 16 thousand communities to participate in "America’s Night Out Against Crime."

For more information, or to contribute in ANY capacity, please contact Elvia Williams, Police Chief, at 708.283.6393 ext. 219 or ewilliams@richtonpark.org.

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