

Memo

TO: Munster Town Council Members

FROM: Officer James Ghrist

DATE: March 5, 2024

RE: Request for Block Party Fees Waiver for National Night Out Event Weekend

For the past two years, the Munster Town Council has graciously waived the stipulations and fees affiliated with block parties for one day only during our National Night Out Against Crime Celebration pre-events. By doing so, this has encouraged and enabled larger participation from the public which in turn has promoted unity in the participating neighborhoods.

The first year we had fifteen (15) blocks participate and last year we had twenty-one (21) participate with their neighbors. Both years, winning blocks or subdivisions were presented with the "Block Unity Award" to display in recognition for having held the top events with criteria including planned activities, participation, and neighborhood unity. The signs are presented during the awards portion of our National Night Out event each year.

In an effort to try and continue to promote positive interaction and unity among our town's residents and neighborhoods, **I am requesting that the Munster Town Council please consider waiting the stipulations and fees related to the organization of block parties for one day (Saturday, August 3rd with a rain date of Sunday, August 4th) once again this year.** As with the past two years, each of the party coordinators will be provided with guidelines as the date approaches.

We have already begun plans for this year's National Night Out and hope to begin signing up block parties this spring so that they can plan ahead for the summer. I hope that we can continue to this fun, annual tradition as part of our National Night Out festivities. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued help and support,



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