

Press Clippings - August 1, 2023

- The Daily Herald -

Streamwood Neighbors Host Charity Race; Raise \$20,000 for Public School

By: David Herrick

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Crossing the Finished line (Left, Jackie Barker; Right Ivy Wirsing) Taken September 17th 2019. *Courtesy of Jason Patrick Photography*

The Jacobs Farm Home Owners Association of Streamwood has raised over \$20,000 for **Hilltop Elementary School** over the past 5 years, hosting a charity fun run.

"We believe there is a unique opportunity when neighbors come together to do good things for their community." says David Herrick, president of the Jacobs Farm HOA and Race Director for the Fun Run.

The Jacobs Farm Fun Run will host its 6th annual fun run on Sept. 30, at Sunny Hill Park of Streamwood. Proceeds have led to the school's ability to purchase smart boards, and flexible seating, which increases the educational experience of the students.

- Kane County Connects - Back to School for Kane County Kids

By: Kane County Connects Staff
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There are 9 public school districts serving students in Kane County.

Here's a snapshot of each of them:

School District U-46 -- starts on August 15

37,000 students - 57 schools and programs. Communities - Bartlett, Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Streamwood and Wayne and portions of Carol Stream, Hoffman Estates, St. Charles, Schaumburg, and West Chicago.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

- The Daily Herald - National Night Out at 40: Police and neighborhoods will celebrate together this week

By: Rick West
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Officer Edwin Alva, facing in center, and officer Miguel Barron join in a line dance during the 2021 National Night Out celebration in Elgin. Alva is the resident officer for the neighborhood and helped organized the event. *Rick West | Staff Photographer*

Police will be out in force across the suburbs Tuesday, but they'll just be looking for a good time and joining residents in celebrating the 40th year of National Night Out.

The annual community-building campaign promotes partnerships between police and residents. It also allows neighbors to get to know one another better in an effort to make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live.

"National Night Out is one of my favorite events as we are able to show our love and support to the community, and we also get to feel the love and support from them," Elgin Police Chief Ana Lalley said. "The connections and relationships the department builds over time with community members is so important to continue to build trust and work together in our focus to have a safe community for all."

Neighborhood block parties take place in all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide, generally on or around the first Tuesday in August. Texas and a few other areas celebrate on the first Tuesday in October.

Community celebrations of all sizes will happen over the next week in the suburbs. Here's a starter list of Tuesday events:

Arlington Heights

Neighbors can enjoy games, experience police vehicles, see a police dog demonstration, learn about forensics and how to read fingerprints, try on police gear and see how police officers and firefighters respond to a mock car accident. The event will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at North School Park, North Evergreen Avenue and East Eastman Street. For more information, visit ahpd.org/events/national-night-out/

Aurora

The city of Aurora will have 26 National Night Out events in various neighborhoods throughout the city's 10 wards. For information and locations, visit aurora-il.org/NNO2023.

Bartlett

The Bartlett Police Department will host its 30th annual National Night Out "Picnic in the Park" from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at Bartlett Park, 102 N. Eastern Ave. There will be free "hog dogs," popcorn, water and giveaways. Activities include an inflatable climbing wall and games, face painters, a balloon artist, a petting zoo and more. Glowby the Outdoor Bubble Entertainer, Division BMX Stunt Team, **Bartlett High School's** dance team, cheer team and drum line will perform throughout the event. For more information, visit bartlett.il.gov/government/police/national-night-out.

Elgin

Elgin police officers will be hosting neighborhood parties at six locations in Elgin. Last year, more than 1,500 people joined officer Edwin Alva at 310 N. Spring St. for food, games, music and dancing and Zumba demonstrations. For a list of all locations, go to facebook.com/ElginPolice/.

Naperville

More than 45 neighborhoods have registered to host National Night Out events in Naperville. City employees from the police, fire, public works and utility departments will attend many of the neighborhood events from 5 to 8 p.m. with trucks and equipment, giveaways and information for families. A list of participating neighborhoods is available at naperville.il.us/nno.

Vernon Hills

The 26th annual National Night Out event in Vernon Hills will feature food, ice cream, music, inflatables, face painting, a water spray and more. It will be from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hartmann Park, 292 Oakwood Road. Visit vernonhills.org/222/National-Night-Out for more information.

- MileSplit USA -

Hannah Durrant Produced U.S. No. 2 3K Racewalk

By: MileSplit Staff

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DES MOINES, Iowa -- Talk about domination.

Hannah Durrant, a '23 graduate of **Elgin High School** in Illinois, finally earned a title-winning moment in a championship race on Sunday, pocketing a U.S. No. 3 time of 15:38.84 in the 3K racewalk at the AAU Junior Olympic Games at Drake Stadium.

Hannah Durrant, the twin sister of newly-minted 3K national record-holder Heather Durrant -- who qualified for the Pan American U20 Championships in the 10K racewalk in June and will represent Team U.S.A. in August in Puerto Rico -- won her first national title on Sunday.

Last year Hannah was the runner-up. She was third in 2021 in the 15-16yo division and also a runner-up in 2019.

Durrant's sister Heather claimed a new national record in the 3K racewalk on July 26 at the USATF Junior Olympics in 13:27.22, surpassing the former mark 13:28.00, last achieved by Taylor Ewert in 2019.

U-46 School & Community Relations Note: Although this story says that Hannah is an Elgin High School graduate, she and her sister graduated in May from Larkin High School

- The Elgin Courier News -

Elgin and surrounding towns going all out to lure residents to

their National Night Out events and parties

By: Mike Danahey

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Block parties in Elgin communities are the cornerstone of the Elgin Police Department's National Night Out events, which bring neighbors and police together to strengthen neighborhoods and create positive bonds. This year there are 31 planned for Tuesday night. (Elgin Police Department/HANDOUT)

A touch of Hawaii, a performance by popular rock band and a LifeNet helicopter landing are among the highlights of National Night Out events being held Tuesday in Elgin, South Elgin and Carpentersville.

The original National Night Out — still known as Night Out Against Crime in some communities — took place in 1984. More than 2.5 million people across 400 towns in 23 states participated in that first campaign, which is now an annual event for many towns now.

Organizers say it's a way to bring neighbors together and allow them to interact with police officers in a positive setting. The idea is if neighbors get to know each other, bonds are created that build stronger, safer communities.

Here's a look at what's happening locally.

31 block parties in Elgin

Residents, social organizations, churches, schools, homeowners associations, Neighborhood Watch groups and police officers will be coming together Tuesday to hold 31 National Night Out block parties, "truly a communitywide event and team effort," Elgin police Sgt. Mike Martino said.



Young children interact with an Elgin police officer during one event held as part of last year's National Night Out campaign. (Elgin Police Department/HANDOUT)

Most events will take place from 6 to 8 p.m., and the goal is for police officers, city leaders and a mascot to attend the various gatherings, Martino said. Local organizations and Elgin Fire Department crews also will be taking part, he said.

“We are excited to have several first-time hosts and many folks partnering to make their parties happen,” Martino said.

Anyone in a neighborhood not hosting an event is invited to attend any of the six police officer-hosted parties planned for 1540 Mulberry Lane, 310 N. Spring Ave., 783 W. Highland Ave., 378 Division St., 1312 Amanda Circle and 1885 Lin Lor Lane, Martino said.

Each officer’s party will be different. For example, Officer Daniel Kazey-Garey’s gathering on Lin Lor Lane will have an Hawaiian theme and will feature live music, food, games and treats from Andy’s Custard, he said.

“I will also be having public works attend, along with Centro de Informacion, which is co-hosting,” Kazey-Garey said. “Luna Behavioral Health Center and The Superhero Center for Autism of Loves Park and Westside Children’s Therapy will be there too.”

Officer Zach Young said the highlights of his party on Amanda Circle will be a magic show and an inflatable basketball challenge game.

Live music in South Elgin

In years past, South Elgin's National Night Out took place at Jim Hansen Park. But this year there's a new venue — Panton Mill Park, 10 N. Water St., adjacent to the police station.

"This setting offers wider driving lanes for emergency vehicles, and it reduces costs as we can use our permanent sound stage and pavilion instead of renting them for another location," South Elgin Communications Coordinator Craig Pierce said.

With the better setup for live entertainment, they'll be bringing in one of the area's biggest summer festival draws, rock band 7th Heaven, as well as opening act Rich Sawyer and Ashley, members of the Chris Stapleton cover band Tennessee Whiskey, Pierce said.

The 6 to 9 p.m. event will also feature performances by students from National Karate School, the **South Elgin High School cheer team** and Those Funny Little People; a touch-a-truck area; local business and nonprofit booths; and the Cesaroni Real Pit BBQ, The Pasta Box, Golden Eagle Hot Dogs, Mama Lee's Popcorn and Dairy Queen South Elgin food trucks.



The LifeNet McHenry helicopter was one of the main attractions at the National Night Out party held last year in Carpentersville's Carpenter Park. It will make a return appearance for this year's event Tuesday. (Mike Danahey / The Courier-News)

Helicopter to land in Carpentersville

The Carpentersville, East Dundee, West Dundee and Sleepy Hollow police departments and the Dundee Township Park District are joining forces once again to hold their Night Out event from 5 to 8 p.m. in Carpenter Park, 275 Maple Ave., Carpentersville.

"National Night Out is celebrating its 40th year. We cannot wait to invite the community for a fun-filled night," Carpentersville Community Engagement and Patrol Officer Kara

Burroughs said.

For a second year, one of the event's highlights will be the appearance of a McHenry LifeNet helicopter, which will arrive at 7 p.m., Burroughs said.

Other attractions include a moon jump, rock wall, drunk driving simulator, drone demonstration and a skills demonstration by a Carpentersville Fire Department crew. Local businesses and nonprofits will be manning booths.

"Our new K-9, Bear, will be strutting his stuff, showing off his skills too," Burroughs said.