

## **National Night Out activities in Kelso**

On Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, communities around the country will celebrate National Night Out (NNO). Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, NNO is designed to create support for crime prevention, heighten people's awareness of drug and crime problems, and strengthen community and neighborhood spirit.

During this evening, people are encouraged to turn on their porch lights, turn off the TV and visit with neighbors outside. Neighbors who know each other can more easily identify suspicious behavior and report crime, creating an uncomfortable environment for the criminal element.

This will be Kelso 17<sup>th</sup> year participating with National Night Out and the 30<sup>th</sup> annual program for the national organization. This year the Kelso Police Department and the City of Kelso will be having a "Going Away for Crime" at Tam O'Shanter Park from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A number of community groups and city employees will be assisting in the festivities, which will include FREE food, games, items for the kids and information on crime prevention. The City Council will also be holding their regularly scheduled meeting at the park during the festivities.

For more information, or NNO information packets you can contact Kelso Police (201 South Pacific Avenue) Chief Andrew Hamilton, [kpdah@kelso.gov](mailto:kpdah@kelso.gov) or Officer Craig Christianson, [kpdcc@kelso.gov](mailto:kpdcc@kelso.gov). Our phone number is 360-423-1270.

