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City of Columbia and the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods to Host 3rd Annual National Night Out “Kick Off” Event

The City of Columbia Community Development Department, Columbia Police Department, and Columbia Council of Neighborhoods will host the 3rd Annual National Night Out “Kick Off” event on Monday, August 2, 2010 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street from 6pm-9pm. A ceremony will be held at 6pm, where Mayor Benjamin, the keynote speaker, will proclaim August as “Neighborhood Safety Month.”

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual crime prevention, safety and community-building event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). The Kick-Off is to encourage fellowship among the citizens of Columbia, before they celebrate NNO in their respective neighborhoods. This year our theme is, “Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party.”

There will be exhibits from local neighborhood associations, businesses, youth organizations, and Law Enforcement and Fire Departments. FREE Entertainment will include the Double Dutch Forces, games and activities and more.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at 545-3373.

The City of Columbia would like to thank the following for sponsoring this Kick-Off Event: Target, Midlands Gastrointestinal Associates, National Association of Town Watch, Domino’s, Jersey Mike’s, Baskin Robbins, Gotham Café, and Liberty Tap Room, Blue Marlin, McAlister’s Deli, Damon’s Grill, Groucho’s Original Deli.

Admission for this event is FREE.

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