

NEIGHBORHOODS URGED TO JOIN NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is an opportunity for neighborhoods in Las Vegas to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide to send a message that criminals are not welcome. Scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, from 7 - 10 p.m., people are encouraged to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outdoors with their neighbors and police.

This is the 10th Annual National Night Out with the theme of "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party". It is co-sponsored by the Na-

tional Association of Town Watch (NATW) and local law enforcement agencies.

National Night Out is designed to:

- 1). Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- 2). Generate support and appreciation in local anti-crime efforts;
- 3). Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations; and
- 4). Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Community Relations Bureau of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police, North Las Vegas Police Department, Henderson Police Department and Boulder City Police Department all work with local Neighborhood Watch groups to promote safety and community efforts to prevent crime, including National Night Out. However, all neighborhoods in Clark County are urged to join National Night Out, whether or not they have established a Neighborhood Watch.

"Getting to know the neighbors is one of the most effective

deterrents to neighborhood crime, because a united group can accomplish more than an individual," said Patsy Moore, Crime Prevention Specialist with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. "National Night Out provides the perfect excuse for a block party, picnic or potluck with your neighbors and area police officers," Moore said. Anyone needing more details on National Night Out or Neighborhood Watch should call their local enforcement agency or the Community Relations Bureau at 229-3507.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY QUEEN NEFERTITI

By Gwen Walker

Queen Nefertiti reigned until about year 12 of King Akhenaten's reign, 1379 to 1362 B.C.

Queen Nefertiti is thought to have been the non-royal daughter of Ay, who was in charge of the King's horses. Ay was the son of Yuya from upper Egypt, the brother of Queen Tuya, Chief wife of King Amenophis III The Magnificent.

Nefertiti's husband was Prince Amun-hotpe or Amun is content. Later he was called Neferkheperu-re Wa-en-re (beautiful like the forms of Re).

In his 6th regnal year he changed his name to Akhen-Aton, the Sun Disk. He was made co-ruler with his father in the 28th year of Amenophis III's reign.

King Akhenaten most often wore a blue crown or war helmet because he was a descendant of fighting kings of the 18th dynasty. Queen Nefertiti also wore a blue crown to match the king's; the Queen was symbolized as a sun goddess. The Queen is usually shown on equal terms with Akhenaten in ceremonies of offering at altars purifying, anointing, dining, etc. Nefertiti disappeared in Akhenaten's 12th year and probably died then. Her daughter, Meryt-Aten, took over as heiress and married Smenkhkare, Arkenaten's younger brother who became co-ruler for a short time.

Read more about Queen Nefertiti at the West Las Vegas Library, Native Son Book Store.

Dates to remember...

A. Thurgood Marshall was born July 2, 1908.

B. July 20 - 1st US victory in Korea by black troops in 1950.

C. July 26 - Independence Day for the Republic of Liberia.



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The United Firefighters of Southern Nevada held its first Annual James Walker/Monroe Williams Scholarship dinner on June 18, 1993 at the Moulin Rouge. The original goal was to present two college bound high school seniors with a minimum of \$500 each in scholarships. However, due to a tie between two of the students, we decided to award three \$500 scholarships.

On June 18, 1993, they awarded the recipients; Laquetha Mason, and Sherita Saulsberry both of Valley High School and Tarik Moses of Green Valley High School. Ms. Mason and Ms. Saulsberry plan to attend University of Nevada Las Vegas while Mr. Moses plans to attend school in Colorado.

The United Firefighters of Southern Nevada applaud each of the students and we wish them much success.

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