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Gainesville, Texas Hosts National Night Out to Build Community

Gainesville, TX – September 2024 – The Gainesville Police Department and Gainesville Fire-Rescue are partnering to host National Night Out, a community-building event aimed at strengthening relationships between residents and local resources. The event will take place at the Gainesville Farmers Market on Tuesday, October 1st from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The evening will feature a variety of activities, food, and opportunities to connect with local emergency services and nonprofits.

National Night Out is an annual event designed to promote partnerships between emergency services and the community. The goal is to increase neighborhood camaraderie and provide information about support available to residents in Gainesville and Cooke County.

A Community-Focused Event

In addition to representatives from Gainesville Police Department (GPD) and Gainesville Fire-Rescue (GFR), attendees can meet with Cooke County EMS and the Cooke County Sheriff's office, who will have their vehicles on display with GPD and GFR. Local nonprofits such as VISTO, Boys & Girls Club, United Way, Abigail's Arms, Cooke County LOSS Team, and CASA will be present with information about their services. Some booths will have games and activities for kids, as well.

The North Texas Medical Center booth will offer free flu shots for children ages 6 months to 18 years. The flu vaccines are State-funded and the supplies to administer them are thanks to a TORCH grant awarded to NTMC. No insurance or Medicaid information is required, but children must be accompanied by an adult to sign the necessary paperwork. Flu shots will be available while supplies last.

Family Fun & Activities

- Bounce House sponsored by Gainesville PD
- Craft hosted by Kayson's Candy CO and sponsored by Gainesville PD
- Inflatable Fire Maze sponsored by Gainesville Fire-Rescue



- Kids crafts and activities with some nonprofits.
- Gainesville and Cooke County Emergency vehicles on display for kids to explore.

Food & Farmers Market Vendors

- Free burgers will be served while supplies last.
- Food vendors such as Delicias Esperanza Autentica Comida Mexicana and Iddarod Snow Palace will be selling delicious treats.
- Popular Farmers Market vendors like Studio 326 Quilting, Mac's Knives & Plants, Happy Daisy Candle Co., and Ranch Rescue Pet Bakery will also be present with their goods.

Quotes from GPD and GRF

“Our goal is to strengthen the relationships between our department and the community we serve. National Night Out provides a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to meet law enforcement and emergency services in a relaxed, positive environment. It is also a chance for us to share valuable information about local resources available here in Gainesville and across the county. We hope you will join us for an evening full of fun, engagement, and community spirit. Let's come together to build stronger, safer neighborhoods!” – Chief of Police Kevin Phillips, Gainesville Police Department

“National Night Out is a great opportunity to bring the community together and give residents a chance to get to know the people who serve them every day. It's an honor to partner with our community members for this family-friendly event that highlights the importance of safety and community support.” – Fire Chief Wayne Twiner, Gainesville Fire-Rescue

Event Details

- **Dates:** Tuesday, October 1, 2024
- **Times:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **Location:** Gainesville, TX Farmers Market
- **Admission:** Free and open to the public

Join us for an evening of family fun and valuable resources.

For more information, please contact Paulina Schutt-Swiatkowski, Communication & Outreach Specialist for the City of Gainesville, TX.

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