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Five Neighborhood Groups Join Together to Host Dutchtown National Night Out at Cleveland High

St. Louis, Missouri – August 1, 2007 For the first time ever 5 neighborhood groups have joined forces in the Dutchtown area to host a giant block party in celebration of National Night Out. National Night Out is an event to bring residents together to promote crime prevention, strengthen neighborhoods and to have fun!

According to Joseph Davis, President of the Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association, “Our goal is to get information out to as many people as we can in Dutchtown and the surrounding area and ask them to join us in working with the Police and the City of St. Louis to make our neighborhood one of the strongest and safest areas in the City.” The reason that Cleveland High School was chosen for this event is because it is a center piece of the neighborhood that residents and area business owners want to reopen as a school.

The Dutchtown National Night Out at Cleveland High will kick-off their festivities with a neighborhood parade at 6 PM. The parade will include Grand Marshal, Chief Joseph Mokwa, the 40 & 8 Locomotive, neighborhood residents, business owners, neighborhood associations, Aldermen, the St. Louis Fire Dept., and several classic cars. The best place to view the parade will be on Meramec St. between Grand Ave. and Broadway.

At 7 PM the block party will begin in front of Cleveland High School 4352 Louisiana with live music by Hudson & the Hoo Doo Cats, an art show by Cleveland Summer Camp Kids, Police K-Nine Unit demonstrations, a fire engine from Fire House # 4, free lead testing, neighborhood information, games for the kids and free prizes and refreshments.

This event has been made possible with financial support from area businesses and the cooperation of participating organizations including Dutchtown South Community Corporation, the Mt. Pleasant Neighborhood Association, Trinity Neighborhood Association, the 25th Ward Organization and the Alliance to Save Cleveland High.