

New Orleans City Council

District D
Councilmember
Cynthia Hedge-Morrell

Media Advisory

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Councilmember Hedge-Morrell
To Kick Off "Crime Night Out"
Tomorrow in Ponchartrain Park

What: District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell will be joined in her district tomorrow night by Mayor Ray Nagin and New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) Superintendent Warren Riley to kick off the 26th annual Kelly Marrione National Night Out Against Crime. The event will be commemorated at 179 block parties across the City tomorrow evening, but the primary event will be at the intersection of Press Drive and

Prentiss Avenue in Pontchartrain Park. The kickoff block party is free and there will be food and entertainment, as well as demonstrations of crime fighting equipment.

"District D is proud to host this kickoff party," said Councilmember Hedge-Morrell. "Come out to show your support and band together with neighbors to make a statement against crime."

After kicking off the night in Pontchartrain Park, Councilmember Hedge-Morrell will visit many other National Night Out block parties in District "D."

"This event is designated to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, reduce violent crime and generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs," said NOPD 3rd District Commander Greg Elder. "Together we want to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships to bring back this great city."

When: Tuesday, August 4th
6 p.m.

Where: Press Drive at Prentiss Avenue
(Click [here](#) for map)

Who: District "D" Councilmember Cynthia Hedge-Morrell
NOPD Superintendent Warren Riley
Mayor Nagin
Community members

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New Orleans City Council

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