



Fellowship Square

Senior Affordable Housing Community Hosts National Night Out Events Across Region To Focus on Unique Local Safety Concerns of Older Adults; Build Relationships with Local Police

July 27, 2022 – Reston, VA – Police, public safety workers and elected officials will join older adult residents of Hunters Woods Fellowship House (Reston, Va.), Lake Ridge Fellowship House (Woodbridge, Va.), and Largo Landing Fellowship House (Upper Marlboro, Md.) for [National Night Out](#) (NNO) community events on Aug. 1st. Unique among the many NNO events scheduled across the greater D.C. region, the Fellowship House event will be focused on the unique safety needs and concerns of seniors. Fellowship Square provides affordable housing to 800+ older adults (aged 62 and older) in the region who live on extremely limited fixed incomes of approximately \$10,000 per year.

“Our older adult residents are a fixture in our vibrant communities. The opportunity to build relationship with police and public safety officers and engage in dialogue is important to our seniors who often fear being the victim of a crime because of their age. Equally as important is the opportunity to thank officers for their service to our community,” said Christy Zeitz, CEO of Fellowship Square. Fellowship Square’s NNO events include:

- In Reston, Hunters Woods Fellowship House will host an NNO event on its campus at 12:00-2:00 PM timed to the [National Night Out event at Hunters Woods Plaza](#) organized by Fairfax County government agencies, the Hunters Woods Neighborhood Coalition, Cornerstones, Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) and the Reston Community Center. *Address: 2231 Colts Neck Road Reston, VA 20191.*
- In Woodbridge, Lake Ridge Fellowship House will host a NNO cook-out from 4:00-6:00 PM for residents and their family members, friends and neighbors. Prince William County police and public safety officers will attend as the police department motorcade assembles in Tackett’s Mill, near where Lake Ridge Fellowship House is located. Prince William County Occoquan District **Supervisor Kenny A. Boddye** is scheduled to attend. *Address: 12800 Harbor Dr, Woodbridge, VA 22192.*
- In Upper Marlboro, the Largo Landing Fellowship House will host a NNO event from 2:00-5:00 PM. **The State’s Attorney’s Office, The Office of the Sheriff and Maryland State Delegate Ken Roberson** are scheduled to attend.

Each of these events will enable opportunities for local seniors to discuss concerns with police officers, connect with community members and commit to working together to preserve neighborhood safety. Visiting police and public safety officers will encourage Hunters Woods Fellowship House residents to engage in conversation, ask questions and share concerns.

Police, Older Adults and Public Safety

Enabling and growing police precincts relationships with older adult residents of the community is an increasingly important element of public safety. As the U.S. population ages, police [more often](#) serve as first responders to incidents involving older adults in which aging-related health plays a critical role. According to the National Sheriffs Association, among older adults, especially the physically impaired and those isolated from others, the [fear of crime is often higher](#) than among the younger population. Fear can be paralyzing; many older adults become afraid to leave their homes and withdraw from friends, family, and activities they once enjoyed.

About National Night Out

Focused on crime prevention and community building, [National Night Out](#) is a unique event celebrated each year on the first Tuesday of August to promote positive police-community partnerships and neighborhood comradery to make all neighborhoods safer places to live. NNO programs are held by thousands of communities in all 50 states. Officers from local police departments visit with as many neighborhood gatherings as possible to engage in dialogue, build relationships and celebrate the strength of local communities.

About Fellowship Square

Fellowship Square, a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is one of the leading local providers of affordable housing and services to low-income seniors, owning 670 units (240 of them jointly) and serving more than 800 older adults. Through HUD funding and vouchers, residents of Fellowship Houses – many who live on Social Security or Supplemental Security Income alone, with an average annual fixed-income of \$10,000/year – pay no more than 30 percent of their income toward their housing costs, including rent and a utility allowance. Through professionally managed apartment communities, programming, and services, Fellowship Square ensures that residents have the support they need to live independent and fulfilling lives even in the face of serious obstacles, such as the high costs of housing in the greater Washington DC area. For more information on Fellowship Square housing options, volunteer opportunities or donations, visit fellowshipsquare.org, call 703.860.2536 or email info@fellowshipsquare.org.

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