

Salem giving back to residents

Block party will have something for everyone

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SALEM — Even though the town of Salem is considered small, the hearts of its residents are incredibly big.

According to Police Chief David Poulsen, in order to say "thanks" to supporters of Salem, the town is hosting a block party with free food, entertainment and fun.

"The council and I were talking, and we decided that because the residents always back us 100 percent, it was high time we gave back and let them know what it means to us."

The free event will highlight the music of Carol Strickland and other local artists that will play throughout the night.

The party will begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday and wrap up at 9:30 p.m. according to Poulsen.

In addition to saying thank you to the community, the event will also act as a fundraiser.

"Two families in our town have recently faced extreme loss and adversity, and all the money raised will go to help them," he added.

According to Poulsen, the Orr and Hoffman families have suffered tragic family loss in recent months and this block party will be a way to help ease the pain.

On top of having great entertainment, pizza, hot dogs, drinks, fire department equipment, police department equipment, K-9 demonstrations and more, Poulsen said it's also a chance for people to come out and see what the emergency teams do each day.

"We're even going to have a dunking tank where people can donate money to dunk a friend," he said. "And we're going to have a doughnut eating contest. You have to have that when you're dealing with a bunch of cops," he joked.

The event will take place at the Town Hall park and all are welcome.

Call (864) 944-2819 for more information.