



COMMUNITY LINK

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COMMUNITY NOTES

**Brush & Leaf Dump
Hours of Operation:**
EFFECTIVE 10/01/2010
Wednesday 1-4 p.m.
Friday 1-4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



West on County Road 2 at the stop lights. Take the first gravel road after the Root River Bridge (Mind Drive). You will find a gate to the dump on the right side of the road.



Thursdays—City Park
3:00—6:00 p.m.

Fire Prevention Week • October 2010
Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with

Smoke Alarms: Up, Down and All Around

Chatfield Fire Department Reinforces Newer Smoke Alarm Recommendations during Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9, 2010

In an effort to better educate communities throughout the U.S. about smoke alarm recommendations, the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is promoting “Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!” as the theme for this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, October 3-9, which Chatfield is supporting locally. NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for 88 years.

“Many homes in Chatfield may not have any smoke alarms, not enough smoke alarms, alarms that are too old, or alarms that are not working,” says Chief Vogen of the Chatfield Fire Department. “We want residents to understand that working smoke alarms are needed in every home, on every level (including the basement), outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. And, if a smoke alarm is 10 years old or older, it needs to be replaced.”

According to Chief Vogen, smoke alarms can mean the difference between life and death in a fire. NFPA statistics show that working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire nearly in half. But they must be working properly to do so. The association’s data

shows that many homes have smoke alarms that aren’t working or maintained properly, usually because of missing, disconnected or dead batteries. Roughly two-thirds of all home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

The Chatfield Fire Department will be hosting the Firefighters’ Variety Show during Fire Prevention Week to promote “Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!” locally, and to help Chatfield residents understand NFPA’s smoke alarm recommendations. Through these educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the power of smoke alarms, newer options for installing and maintaining them properly, and ultimately, how to better protect their loved ones from fire.

NFPA and Chatfield Fire Department agree that interconnected smoke alarms offer the best protection; when one sounds, they all do. This is particularly important in larger or multi-story homes, where the sound from distant smoke alarms may be reduced to the point that it may not be loud enough to provide proper warning, especially for sleeping individuals.

“Most people have a sense of complacency about smoke alarms because they already

have one in their homes. Fire Prevention Week provides an excellent opportunity to re-educate people about smoke alarms, new technologies and expanded options for installation and maintenance,” says Judy Comoletti, division manager for NFPA public education. “Ultimately, we want this year’s campaign to serve as a call to action for households nationwide to inspect their homes to ensure that their families have the full smoke alarm protection that’s recommended.”

Chatfield Fire Department offers the following tips for making sure smoke alarms are maintained and working properly:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button, and make sure everyone in your home knows their sound.
- If an alarm “chirps,” warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they’re 10 years old (or sooner) if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Never remove or disable a smoke alarm.

To learn more about “Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!,” visit NFPA’s Web site at www.firepreventionweek.org.

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Chatfield - FALL FESTIVITIES

Enjoy the splendor of fall in Downtown Chatfield.

Saturday, October 9th, 2010

4:30 pm—7:00 pm Lion's Club Annual Beer & Brat Supper - *Front Lawn (Rain or Shine)*

7:30 pm—In celebration of National Fire Prevention Week, the Firefighters and Wit's End Theatre present the Annual Firefighters' Variety Show, featuring local talent, including the Firefighters!

Admission by Donation—*Historic Potter Auditorium*

Chatfield Center for the Arts

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Grower's Market

Get fresh flowers, plants and more Thursdays from 3:00—6:00 pm

Brush & Leaf Dump Hours

EFFECTIVE 10/01/2010

Wednesdays 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Fridays 1:00 pm—4:00 pm,

Saturdays 10:00 am—4:00pm

Brush, leaves & grass clippings only, please!!!

Rose Sale

Taking orders through Monday, October 18th

Contact your personal Lions Club representative or

Chuck Johnson cjohnson@rootriverstatebank.com 507-867-4120 to order.

Pick Up— Friday, October 22 3:00-7:00 p.m. @ R4 Meats \$15.00 dz

CITY LEAF PICK-UP

Monday, October 25 and Tuesday, October 26

Please place your bagged leaves at the curbside for pick-up.



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- Mon Oct 4th—
Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm
- Mon Oct 11th—
City Council 7:00 pm
- Thu Oct 21st—
HPC 7:00 pm
- Mon Oct 25th—
City Council 7:00 pm
- Thu Oct 28th—
EDA 5:30 pm

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