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Chatfield Fire Department Urges Chatfield Residents to “Prevent Home Fires”

Chatfield, Minnesota October, 2008— A pot holder too close to a lit burner or a space heater left on overnight could be all it takes to start a home fire. In fact, cooking and heating are among the leading causes of home fires in the United States, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

That's why the Chatfield Fire Department is teaming up with NFPA from October 5-11 to urge Chatfield residents to “Prevent Home Fires” during Fire Prevention Week. This year's campaign focuses on preventing all the leading causes of home fires – cooking, heating and electrical equipment, and smoking materials. Additionally, fire safety educators will be teaching local residents how to plan and practice escape routes from a home in case a fire occurs.

According to the latest research from NFPA, more than 2,500 people died in home fires in the United States in 2006, and 12,500 were injured. Fire departments responded to 396,000 home fires, which accounted for 80% of civilian deaths and 76% of injuries that year.

“While the number of home fires is daunting, the good news is that many are easily preventable when residents take simple steps to increase their safety from fire,” said Chief Dave Vogen. “Whether it's smoking outside the home, keeping space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, or staying in the kitchen when you are using the stovetop, there are easy things you can do to keep your

home and family safe from fire.”

Do you know how to keep your home safe from fire hazards? Reviewing the following information and taking action can help you “Prevent Home Fires” during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

- **Cooking:** Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period time, turn off the stove.
- **Heating:** Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- **Electrical:** Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords; use extension cords for temporary wiring only. Consider having additional circuits or receptacles added by a qualified electrician.
- **Smoking:** If you smoke, smoke outside; wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.

Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. For 85 years fire departments have observed Fire Prevention Week, making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

For more information on “It's Fire Prevention Week – Prevent Home Fires!” visit www.firepreventionweek.org

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“Trick or Treat” will soon be heard. It is time to think about safety for Halloween; do not wear masks that block vision or hearing, carry a flashlight, use reflectors or glow wands to be more visible, use sidewalks and cross only at street corners.

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Chatfield Public Library	507-867-3480



Chatfield

Saturday, October 11, 2008

FALL FESTIVAL

Spend the day in downtown Chatfield celebrating the splendor of Fall.

10:00 am—2:00 pm Growers Market—Main Street

**11:00 am—2:00 pm Pumpkin Decorating, Kids Games, Lunch (Fund Raiser for Cub Scouts)
Apple Cider Making Demonstration**

Bailiwick Gifts Parking Lot

11:00 am—2:30 pm Baking Contest—Zucchini, Pumpkin, Apple or Cranberry Baked Goods

11:00—12:00 pm Drop off Contest Entries at CLC Flooring—205 Main Street

12:00— 1:00 pm Judging

1:00— 2:30 pm Public Tasting of Entries for People's Choice Award

4:00 pm—7:00 pm Lion's Club annual Beer & Brat Supper at Fire Hall

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

The Potter Auditorium

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Mon Oct 6th— Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm

Mon Oct 13th— City Council @ 7:00 pm

Mon Oct 20th-Heritage Preservation
Commission @ 7:00 pm

Mon Oct 27th- City Council @ 7:00 pm

Thu Oct 23rd— Economic Development
Authority @ 5:30 pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Grower's Market

Get fresh flowers, plants and more Thursdays from 3:00—6:00 pm
Saturday, October 11—Main Street 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Brush & Leaf Dump Hours

EFFECTIVE 10/01/2008

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 Friday, October 17th

*Contact your personal Lions Club representative or Kelly Wagner
kelmichele1976@msn.com 507-867-3854 to order.*

Pick Up— Friday, October 24 3:00-7:00 p.m. @ R4 Meats \$15.00 dz

Stroke Awareness Training

Recognizing the symptoms of a stroke is critical as every minute counts when responding to a stroke victim. Chatfield EMS Training is offering a presentation that will make you more aware of stroke symptoms. This presentation is free of charge and available to groups and organizations looking for speakers. Call 867-4446 to schedule the program.



CITY LEAF PICK-UP

Monday, October 27 and Tuesday, October 28

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