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Sparky the Fire Dog® wants your family to practice fire safety. Her are some tips to help you be safe every day!

Everybody out!

Meeting Calendar

Does your family have a home fire escape plan? If not, make one today; it's easy! Start by walking through your home and identifying two ways out of every room. (One way out might be the door; the other could be a window.) Then Sound the alarm draw out your escape plan, so you can post it where everyone in the family can see it.

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- Clean your room! Make sure that doors, stairways and other exits out of your home are clear of toys, furniture, and • other clutter.
- Does someone in your home need help getting around (like a grandparent, or an infant)? A grown-up should make . sure that they have someone to assist them in case of a fire. Be sure to assign a backup person in case the assistant isn't home.
- Pick an outside meeting place where everyone can gather after they've escaped safely (a neighbor's house, a mailbox, or even a tree will do). Make sure that you mark the . spot you've picked on your escape plan.
- Memorize the emergency phone number of the fire department. Remind everyone that they should get out first, then call for help from outside, or at a neighbors home.
- Be ready for the real thing. Put your escape plan to the test with a fire drill at least twice a year. That way if a real . fire ever happens, everyone in the family will know what to do.
- Always choose the escape route that is safest. Practice getting low and going under smoke in case you must go

through it to get out. Smoke is nasty stuff-even worse than fire itself. To keep from breathing it in, get low and go under the smoke on your hands and knees. Your head will be in a "safety zone" of clean air about knee high.

- Your home should have smoke alarms on every level (even the basement). It's especially important to have them inside and outside of each sleeping area.
- If you sleep with the door closed, have grown-ups think about having interconnected alarms installed. alarms are connected so that if one sounds, they all sound.
- Smoke alarms should be mounted high on walls or ceilings. Remember: smoke rises.
- Check to make sure the batteries in the smoke alarms work. Test at least once a month. Batteries should be replaced once a year, or when you hear the alarm "chirp" that means the battery is low.
- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. And if no one can remember how old it is, it's probably time to replace it.
- Never "borrow" a battery from a smoke alarm.
- Never paint or decorate a smoke alarm (even with stickers!) because this could keep it from working right.
- When the alarm sounds, get out. Always assume that the alarm means a real fire and follow your escape plan.

more information regarding fire prevention, www.nfpa.org

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.

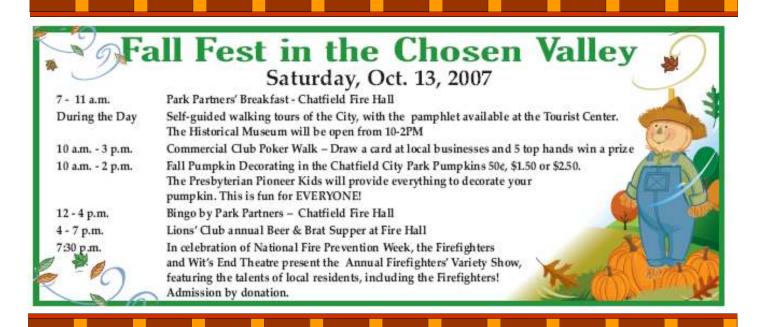
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Mon Oct 1st— Planning & Zoning @ 7:00 pm

Mon Oct 8th— City Council @ 7:00 pm

Mon Oct 15th-Heritage Preservation Commission @ 7:00 pm

Mon Oct 22nd- City Council @ 7:00 pm

Thu Oct 25th— Economic Development Authority @ 5:30 pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Grower's Market

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

Brush & Leaf Dump Hours

Wednesdays 1:00 pm—3:00 pm & 5:00 pm—7:00 pm,
Fridays 1:00 pm—4:00 pm,
Saturdays 10:00 am—4:00pm
Brush, leaves & grass clippings only, please!!!

Rose Sale

Sept. 22- Oct. 20th

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

Pick Up— Friday, October 26 3:00-7:00 p.m. @ R4 Meats \$13.00 dz

Help Build a Playground

In just a few weeks, you are invited to join over 100 other community members who will work 12 hours a day to build a one-of-a-kind playground in City Park. You do not have to be a carpenter to help with this project—expert guidance will be provided and there are jobs for all ages and abilities. Don't miss this unique community event! Call Michelle Folken at 867-3128 to join the crew October 17th—21st !!!

CITY LEAF PICK-UP

Monday, October 29 and Tuesday, October 30

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