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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!**

- 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 draw out your escape plan, so you can post it where everyone in the family can see it.
- 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.

**Sound the alarm**

- 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. These 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.

For more information regarding fire prevention, visit [www.nfpa.org](http://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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**In Case of Emergency: 9-1-1**

<b>Ambulance Office (Non Emergency)</b>	<b>507-867-4446</b>
<b>Police Office (Non Emergency)</b>	<b>507-867-3331</b>
<b>Chatfield Public Library</b>	<b>507-867-3480</b>

# Fall Fest in the Chosen Valley

Saturday, Oct. 13, 2007

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| 7 - 11 a.m.      | Park Partners' Breakfast - Chatfield Fire Hall  |
| During the Day   | Self-guided walking tours of the City, with the pamphlet available at the Tourist Center. The Historical Museum will be open from 10-2PM  |
| 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Commercial Club Poker Walk - Draw a card at local businesses and 5 top hands win a prize  |
| 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Fall Pumpkin Decorating in the Chatfield City Park Pumpkins 50¢, \$1.50 or \$2.50. The Presbyterian Pioneer Kids will provide everything to decorate your pumpkin. This is fun for EVERYONE!  |
| 12 - 4 p.m.      | Bingo by Park Partners - Chatfield Fire Hall  |
| 4 - 7 p.m.       | Lions' Club annual Beer & Brat Supper at Fire Hall  |
| 7:30 p.m.        | 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. |



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## OCTOBER 2007

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.

