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CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS

Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., while most people are asleep? Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you and your family time to get out. In fact, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of death due to smoke inhalation and other fire related causes in half!

When it comes to smoke alarms, it's about "location, location, location".

The key message of this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, from October 4 through 10, is to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for fire safety tips, and fun activities to do with your children to help learn about fire prevention and safety together.



The banner features the NFPA logo on the left, the text "Hear the BEEP where you SLEEP" in the center, a circular image of Sparky the dog wearing a red hat, and a smoke alarm on the right. A blue box on the right contains the text "EVERY BEDROOM NEEDS A WORKING SMOKE ALARM." and "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT 4-10, 2015" with the website "firepreventionweek.org". A small trademark notice for Sparky is at the bottom right.

WINTERIZING YOUR WATER METER

Fall is here, and now is the time to winterize your water meter! If your water meter is in a location that is easily affected by wind or water, you should take precautions to prevent the meter from freezing and breaking. Here are a few tips that may help:

- Make sure you have a tight fitting lid on your meter pit, and that it is completely closed.
- Fill the meter pit with fiberglass insulation, especially if you have a lid that doesn't fit well.
- Place a blanket or straw bale on top of the meter pit lid.

Following these simple steps will help protect your meter from water, wind, snow, and the frigid temperatures of winter. As a reminder, if the meter freezes, the meter replacement and/or repair is the responsibility of the tenant/owner. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Finance Department at 627-1251.

FALL BRUSH AND LIMB PICKUP OFFERED IN OCTOBER

The milder weather of Fall gives us the opportunity to complete necessary yard work. One of those projects requires the cutting back of limbs and brush. The Fall Brush and Limb Pickup will be held October 5 through 9. This scheduled time is for ALL areas of Kirksville. Limbs must be set curbside prior to 7:00 a.m., on Monday, October 5. This Pickup is for large limbs and brush only, and as always, bagged yard waste can be disposed of in the yard waste roll-off container at Public Works, located at 2001 N. Osteopathy, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

A few reminders to ensure your limbs are hauled away: 1) Limbs must be no larger than 18 inches in diameter and no longer than 10 feet in length; 2) This is for personal property only, not for business properties as commercial interests are required to dispose of brush at approved landfill dumpsites; 3) Be sure the brush is properly and safely set at curbside so it does not block the street or sidewalk areas.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 627-1291.

JOIN THE HARVEST HEYDAY

The annual Harvest Heyday Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Rotary Park! Come out for free family fun and games for all ages!

This year's event will also feature a magic show at 2:30 p.m., co-sponsored by the Kirksville Arts Association, as well as an antique tractor show! If interested in showing your tractor, please arrive by 1:30 p.m.

Local businesses and organizations are invited to participate by working or hosting a game! If interested, contact Parks and Recreation at 627-1485.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY REMINDERS

Trick or Treat! We want to remind you to be safe this Halloween and have a great time with your little ghosts and goblins. Here are a few safety tips, whether you are trick-or-treating, or just out and about that evening:

- **Trick or Treat with an Adult**
 - * Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well-lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
- **Walk Safely**
 - * Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
 - * Look left, right, left again before crossing, and keep looking as you cross.
 - * Put electronic devices down, keep your head up, and walk, don't run, across the street.
 - * Teach children to make eye contact with drivers to make sure the drivers see them before crossing the street.
 - * Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
 - * Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to NEVER dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- **Keep costumes bright, creative, and safe**
 - * Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
 - * Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
 - * Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
 - * When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.
- **Drive carefully on Halloween**
 - * Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods.
 - * Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians, and on curbs.
 - * Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
 - * Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
 - * Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic, and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
 - * Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

Important Dates :

- 10/05—Council Meeting
- 10/05—Brush & Limb Pickup Begins
- 10/06—LPRC Meeting
- 10/07—KHPC Meeting
- 10/13—ATC Meeting
- 10/14—P&Z Meeting
- 10/19—Council Meeting
- 10/30—Monthly Warning Siren Test at 10 a.m.

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City Manager	627-1225
Codes/Inspections	627-1272
Econ Development	627-1224
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Fire Department	665-3734
Human Resources	627-1458
Municipal Court	627-1237
Parks & Recreation	627-1485
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- Police Department

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ONE DAY... ONE STOP... ONE COMMUNITY...

October 2, 2015, 11 a.m.—4 p.m.
The Crossing, 810 E. Shepherd Ave.

www.projecthomelessconnectkirksville.weebly.com