

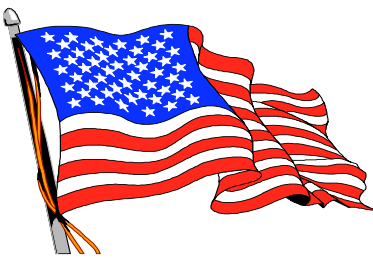
Hartsdale Fire District

Spring 2009 Newsletter

Memorial Day Parade

The Hartsdale Fire Department would like to invite you and your family and friends to our annual Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by our Hartsdale Volunteer Fire Company. This parade is a tribute to our fallen heroes; please come to honor all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, especially those lost this past year.

The Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony will begin at the Hartsdale Railroad Station at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, May 25,



2009. A brief ceremony will be followed by a parade up East Hartsdale Avenue to the Four Corners, continuing south on Central Avenue to Hartsdale Fire Station # 1. Our fire trucks will be outside for viewing and complementary refreshments will be available.

The Greenville Fire Department as well as area scout and youth groups will join the Hartsdale Fire Department in the march. Music will be provided during the parade by the New York Ancients Marching Band. We invite you to come and enjoy the festivities with your family and friends.

It's a great day for the kids!

Visit Our Web Site

To receive information about the Hartsdale Fire District, news on upcoming events, fire safety tips, and fun stuff for the kids, visit our web site at www.hartsdalefire.com. You can even see past issues of our newsletters on the site.

**To report a fire or emergency call
911 or 949-2324**

For all other business call 949-2325

BBQ and Fire Pit Safety

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. A portable fire pit or a chiminea can provide some soothing warmth on a cool spring evening. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons. In 2005, gas and charcoal grills caused 3,400 structure fires and 4,900 outdoor fires in or on home properties, resulting in a combined direct property loss of \$137 million. Follow these tips to keep your BBQ cooking safe this Spring and Summer.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills, and portable fire pits must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces, such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard



and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.

- Position the grill or pit well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

- Place the grill or pit a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.

- Keep children and pets away: declare a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill or pit.

- Put out several long-handled grilling tools to give the chef plenty of clearance from heat and flames when flipping burgers.

- Remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

- **If you live in an apartment building or condominium, never use a gas or charcoal grill or a portable fire pit on a patio or deck. It is unsafe and illegal. BBQ grills and portable fire pits must be at least 15 feet away from the building.**



Quick Safety Quiz!

How would you know if you had a Carbon Monoxide problem in your home?

(Check our web site for the answer!!)

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Volunteers Needed

The Hartsdale Volunteer Fire Company needs new members to join and become active in **your community!** It can be exciting and rewarding, and you can meet new friends. The volunteers of the Hartsdale Fire District respond in their own vehicles to the fire alarms. When they arrive at the alarm, they assist the paid personnel with



active fire ground operations. They train on Tuesday evenings throughout the year so they are ready to act when needed. The volunteers also march in community parades and participate in community events. Please consider becoming a volunteer firefighter. Stop by the firehouse or call Chief Schoonmaker at 949-6122 for an application.

Save The Date!

September 15, 2009. Mark that date in your calendar. It will be the starting date for the Hartsdale Fire District's 37th annual *Baby Sitters Course*. This course is open to anyone twelve years of age or older who has

not already taken this course. The course provides good basic training for our students to be qualified babysitters. The instructors for the *Baby Sitters*

Course include a Doctor of Emergency Pediatrics, a Neo-Natal Nurse, a Police Department Public Safety Officer, a Director of a local preschool center, a Paramedic, and Fire Department Training Instructors. Classroom lecture is combined with instructor demonstrations, videotapes and hands-on practice. More information and applications will be published in our Summer newsletter, and will be available at the fire station in early August.

Is Your Home Fire Safe?

Would you like to find out? The Hartsdale Fire Department will come to your home to perform a Home Fire Safety Audit. Call **949-2325** today to schedule an appointment.

Fire Extinguisher Re-call

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, has announced a voluntary recall of Kidde XL Fire Extinguishers. The fire extinguishers could lose pressure and fail to operate. This recall involves model numbers FX340SC, FX340H, FX340GW, XL5MR, FX210R, FX340SC-2, FX210W, XL2.5TCZ-4, XL2.5TCZ-3, XL5TCZ-1, E-340-3 and with manufacture dates between September 2007 and April 2008. "Kidde" and the model number can be found on the label on the front of the extinguisher. The date is on the bottom of the extinguisher. They were sold at department, home, and hardware stores nationwide from October 2007 through April 2008 for about \$35. If your extinguisher is one of the listed model numbers and is marked with the year 07 or 08, you should immediately inspect the pressure gauge. If it points to the red



zone, contact Kidde to receive a free replacement extinguisher. If the gauge is not in the red zone, but you have questions about an

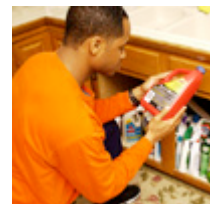
extinguisher within the listed model numbers, also contact Kidde at (888) 345-4407 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.Kidde.com.

POISON!!

Poisoning hazards can be found in every area of the home. Common household cleaners, medications and even cosmetics can be poisonous, especially to children and older adults. Follow these guidelines to keep your family safe from poisons at home:

- The Poison Control number is 1-800-222-1222. Keep this number by every phone. Call 9-1-1 if someone won't wake up, is having trouble breathing or is having seizures. If the person seems okay, but you think they may have taken poison, call Poison Control.

- Read the labels of the products you use in your home. If the label has the words "Caution", "Warning", "Poison" or "Danger", keep out of reach of children and lock them away. Always follow directions when using these products.



- Keep medicines and cleaning products in their original containers with the original labels intact.
- Store all dangerous products away from food and drinks. Some could be confused as being edible.

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