

Safety News from Northport Fire Department

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Fall Fire Prevention & Safety

Fall officially begins Sunday September 22nd. Traditionally it marks the end of vacation, the resumption of school activities and hopefully the continuance of fire safety and fire prevention practice in the home. Each October our nation focuses on National Fire Prevention Week (this year October 6th – October 13th). In the early 1020s our President and Congress officially declared the second week of October as Fire Prevention Week. This was to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of the 8th & 9th of October 1871. The results of this tow day blaze were most tragic and alarming. More than 250 people were killed 100,000 were left homeless and more than 17,000 buildings were destroyed. Each year the National Fire Protection Association designates a specific fire safety theme. This year's theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires". They have documented the losses suffered by Americans in 2011 from kitchen fires when there were a reported 156,300 home fires. As a result 470 people died. 5,390 people were injured. And more than 1 Billion dollars in property damage was incurred. Two thirds of home cooking fires started with the ignition of food.

Northport Fire Department will once again present an extensive fire safety/fire prevention program to our community residents. A full day is scheduled at both Norwood Avenue and Ocean Avenue Elementary Schools (October 4th and October 16th respectively). The annual open house and poster contest award program will be held on Friday evening October 25th at fire headquarters, 204 Main Street, Northport, NY. Programs will also be presented at the Learning Center, Trinity Regional Pre-School and (pending construction completion) the Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School.

Kitchen fire safety literature will be available free of charge after October 1st at fire headquarters. Meanwhile all adults should keep these never-never ideas fresh in their minds. They are offered by a Fire Safety Education agency in Louisiana;

Never put water on a grease fire or electrical fire. Never run extension cords across the kitchen. Never allow children or pets to play in the kitchen area. Never use your oven or cooking stove to heat a room. Never leave cooking unattended.

Firefighter Raymond Maloney – 50 Years of Dedicated Service

Safety News proudly salutes Firefighter Raymond Maloney who completed 50 years of dedicated service to the Northport community. Today Ray serves as a Fire Safety Officer for the department. He is also a highly regarded cook for the Northport Fire Department. Congratulations Ray!

Flu Shots

The Visiting Nurse Service of Northport will again offer American made flu shots this fall. Medicare and Medicaid participants will incur no cost. All other insurance carriers will reimburse their customers upon receipt of payment. The schedule for the Flu Shot Clinics is as follows;

Tuesday 9/24 10AM-2PM

Saturday 10/5 10AM-2PM

Tuesday 10/8 10AM-2PM

Saturday 10/19 10AM-2PM

Tuesday 10/22 10AM-2PM

Thousands of Americans die each year from influenza. Hundreds of thousands are either homebound or hospitalized with this infection. Safety News strongly urges all our readers to get their flu shot early each fall. It usually takes 10 to 15 days to become effecting in your body.

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