



October Community News Update



A note from Chief Burchak:

First off, I want to thank Chief Franklin Huffman once again for his leadership, his dedication and most of all, his patience with me. Coming from the City was a bit of a culture shock, both in the department and in the region. I have to say I absolutely adore Painesville Township and our fire department is nothing short of amazing. What an impressive group of characters we have! We are lucky to have such a skilled and dedicated group of firefighters at the ready. I must also tip my hat to the surrounding communities, Fairport Harbor, Grand River, Painesville City, Perry, etc. They have all been so supportive of my entry into PTFD, I cannot thank them all enough, Lake County has a feel of family and I plan to reciprocate their generosity and kindness.

Fall is upon us....

Fall has arrived bringing along yard cleanup and the dreaded leaf raking, please do not burn yard waste, the Township will provide yard waste collection including leaves.

Although in some cases we do have some separation between our properties, other parts of the Township can be congested. Burning leaves or any materials is not only illegal but could adversely impact your neighbor's health and wellbeing. We all want to enjoy our homes and yards, let us not infringe on others when cleaning our yards. In addition, hot embers and sparks can be carried by the wind and ignite nearby structures and vegetation.



Winter safety tips:

Fall is an excellent time to inspect your heating appliances and make sure your families are safe this winter. Here are a few tips that can really make a difference in the safety of your home and the safety and well-being of your families:

Furnace: Have an HVAC professional inspect your furnace. Have the air ducts cleaned and change the filters monthly during the winter months.

Also keep combustible items a minimum of 3 feet away from all heat producing equipment.

Chimney: Be sure to have your chimney professionally cleaned and inspected every year before using it. Only burn hard woods and not structural lumber or items other than hard wood or fireplace approved manufactured logs. Spark arresting screen should be in place to prevent logs from rolling out and sparks from exiting the fireplace and landing on combustible materials somewhere else in the room.

Water heater: Check the heating element inside to make sure the flame inside is consistent. An inconsistent flame could cause a gas build-up and a flash fire. Also inspect the vent and make sure it is in place and tight to avoid carbon monoxide from building up.

Space heaters: Never leave space heaters unattended. Place them on flat level surfaces and at least 3 feet away from anything combustible. Inspect the cord and be sure it is in good condition and the space heater has an emergency turn off switch if it gets tipped over for any reason (usually located on the underside of the unit).

Laundry room: Lint is very combustible. Check the duct from your dryer and make sure there isn't a buildup of lint that can become overheated and start a fire which would quickly spread. If you believe any of your heating appliances may be giving off carbon monoxide, call the fire department immediately.

The fire department will check the air in your residence for the presence of CO and make sure your home is safe.

Mark your calendars!!

The Painesville Township Children's Christmas Party
Saturday, December 16th
Painesville Township Park.

Due to its popularity, we will again offer a pre-registration process to reserve your spot, and will be first come, first served.

As always, this is a free event for our residents!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and your inbox in early November to sign up!



Dates to remember:

October 9 - Columbus Day (Town Hall is closed)

October 24 - Trustee meeting, 11:00 AM

October 31 - Halloween Trick or Treat: 6-8 PM

November 7 - Election Day

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