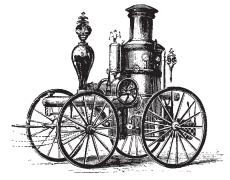




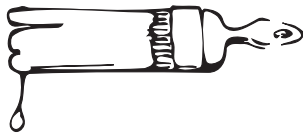
Spring Edition



April 2011

Trustees' Corner

The HBFC Trustees have started off the year running. As of this newsletter, we have been in close contact with the Department of Homeland Security working to secure a Federal Grant that will allow us to install a vehicle exhaust system in our fire hall. This system will take harmful exhaust gasses, filter them and remove them from the building, greatly enhancing the quality of life in and around the fire hall for everyone. We are also planning to repaint the interior of the fire hall to give it a more appealing and professional appearance. This will be accomplished following the installation of the exhaust system. Our fire hall is also currently undergoing a major electrical system upgrade and we will also be looking to upgrade our emergency back-up generator in the very near future. These are just a few of the projects the Trustees are working on. Keep in mind our fire hall banquet facility is available for rent and we do rent tables and chairs for the public and private use. If you have any questions about these rentals, or any other activity, please see our web site or call 610-273-2688 and ask to speak to, or leave a message for, a fire company trustee. Remember...STOP, DROP, and ROLL...Don't second guess... Call 911 in an emergency.



Texting & Driving Statistics¹

- In 80% of car crashes, the driver was distracted within 3 seconds of the crash.
- Drivers who text are 23 times more likely to have a car crash.
- Currently, nine states have laws on the books banning texting while driving. Washington was the pioneer for this movement, passing its law in 2007. The other states are Alaska, California, Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey and Oregon.
- When it comes to teen driving, put the danger of text-messaging while driving right up there with drunken driving as Public Enemies No. 1 and 1A on the nation's roads.

¹ This article and other tips can be found on www.dontdriveandtext.org and www.donttextdrive.com.

Chief's Corner

When to Call 911

Did you know that when you call 911 you are not calling the local Fire Department or Police Station? Where does the call go and who are you talking to?

When you dial 911 from a telephone (landline) you are routed to the Chester County 911 Center in the Government Services Center in West Goshen. Cell phones will route you to the closest 911 Center from the cell tower your cell phone is using. The dispatchers in the 9-1-1 Communication Center receive training on how to notify and coordinate police, fire, rescue and ambulance responses in a variety of situations from routine to major disasters. All 73 municipalities in Chester County are dispatched by this 911 Center.

So when should you call 911? You should call 911 anytime there is a need for a Fire, EMS or Police response for an Emergency. The dispatchers are trained to ask you for information during an emergency so they can 1) identify where the emergency is, 2) what the emergency is, 3) and ensure the appropriate resources are dispatched for that emergency. Please do not contact 911 for specific Fire Company functions, such as information for fundraisers.

Controlled Burn

With the Spring months approaching many people choose to dispose of branches, twigs and yard debris by having small controlled fires. When residents do this the Honey Brook Fire Company asks that residents advise you will be having a controlled burn with the Chester County Communications Center in West Chester. They maintain a record for 24 hours of controlled burns within Chester County. To report a controlled burn, please call 610-383-7000 or 610-942-3500, a County Dispatcher will take all of your information for the controlled burn file, please do not call the Fire Company directly as there is no guarantee someone will be there to take your call.

Before burning be sure to check with your local municipality for ordinances regarding open burning and always have an extinguisher or charged garden hose nearby.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16th Spring Soup & Yard Sale

May 14th Annual Consignment Sale*

June 18th Carnival

June 25th Carnival

July 2nd Carnival

July 9th Carnival

September 17th Fall Soup Sale &

Harmony Day Celebrations

November 12th Turkey Raffle

* NEW DATE INSTEAD OF FEBRUARY

SPRING SOUP & YARD SALE

APRIL 16TH

SOUP WILL BE READY BY 8 AM

ANNUAL CONSIGNMENT SALE

MAY 14TH (NEW DATE)

ROMANO 4-H CENTER

CARNIVALS

JUNE 18TH & 25TH, JULY 2ND & JULY 9TH

FOOD, GAMES, PRIZES