

The Siren

Spring Edition

May 2007

SAVE YOUR SPARE CHANGE TO DROP IN THE BOOT!



We will be holding our first of 2 annual Boot Days, May 25th and 26th. We will be located at Route 322 and Route 10. Please be aware of our firefighters that will be on the roads. All proceeds of this fundraiser goes towards maintaining equipment.

Outside Burning Safety Tips

Check with the boro and/or township for burning ordinances and bans before starting any fires. Please be aware of your weather conditions. For example, low humidity and high winds are not suitable burning conditions. **Never** burn during a drought or too close to your house or any building structure. Always have a water supply readily available. **Never** leave any fire unattended. If planning a large controlled burn, please notify the Chester County Fire Board at 1-800-421-FIRE.

Did you know...

We need your help. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities other than fire fighting. For more information, contact 610.273.2688.

Training Corner

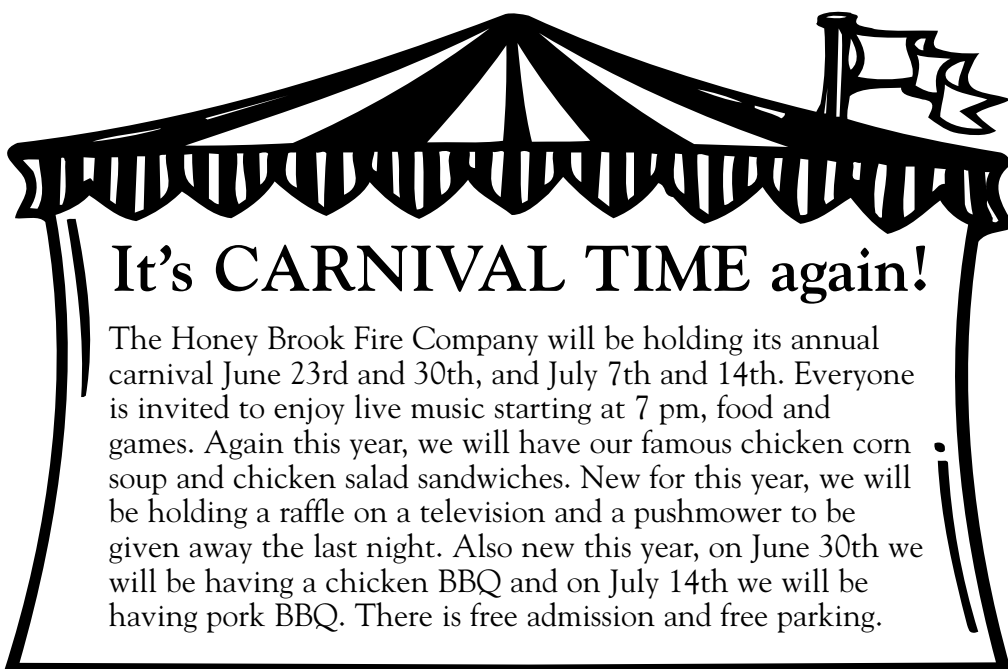
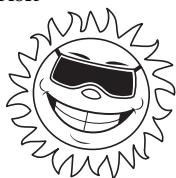
You may have noticed the number of vehicles that have been at the fire house lately. This is due to a first responder course of 48 hours that 27 firefighters attended. They are now nationally certified to handle the following emergencies: heart attacks, childbirth, CPR, trauma and other various medical emergencies. Due to the number of different emergencies we respond to, our firefighters are better prepared to serve the community.

The next challenging training course will be Vehicle Rescue Technician course. This course will properly educate our new firefighters on the use of the jaws of life to extricate patients from a vehicle accident.

With one in five Americans developing skin cancer, childhood education about sun safety is a vital step toward reducing risk and improving public health. The National Safety Council is helping to address this serious health issue by providing fact sheets and educational outreach programs to parents, teachers, and others nationwide.

Overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays seriously threatens human health. Besides the immediate effect of sunburn, over time excess UV radiation can cause skin cancer, eye damage, immune system suppression, and premature aging. Children are highly susceptible to harmful UV radiation. About 23 percent of lifetime sun exposure occurs before the age of 18. Just one or two blistering sunburns in childhood may double the risk of developing melanoma.

Teaching children about sun safety is the key to reducing the risk of future health problems.



It's CARNIVAL TIME again!

The Honey Brook Fire Company will be holding its annual carnival June 23rd and 30th, and July 7th and 14th. Everyone is invited to enjoy live music starting at 7 pm, food and games. Again this year, we will have our famous chicken corn soup and chicken salad sandwiches. New for this year, we will be holding a raffle on a television and a pushmower to be given away the last night. Also new this year, on June 30th we will be having a chicken BBQ and on July 14th we will be having pork BBQ. There is free admission and free parking.

The 2007 Fund Drive is now in progress. The Honey Brook Fire Company is solely funded by donations and fundraising.

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Bicycle Safety Tips

Bicycling is a fun and healthy exercise. Before riding your bicycle on roadways, take time to learn the rules. Many bicyclists are seriously injured in accidents because they are less protected than drivers of automobiles and/or they do not practice safe riding skills.

By observing Pennsylvania bicycle laws and following safety rules, your bicycling will be enjoyable and more importantly, safer!

Some local governments have additional laws and regulations for bicycles. Please make sure you check with your local government office to see if there are additional laws and regulations you have to follow.



A swimming pool in the yard can be very dangerous for children. Help protect your children from drowning by doing the following:

- Never leave your children alone in or near the pool, even for a moment.
- Put up a fence to separate your house from the pool. Most young children who drown in pools wander out of the house and fall into the pool. Install a fence at least 4 feet high around all 4 sides of the pool. Use gates that self-close and self-latch, with latches higher than your children's reach.
- A power safety cover that meets the standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) adds to the protection of your children but should not be used in place of the fence between your house and the pool.
- Keep rescue equipment (such as a shepherd's hook or life preserver) and a telephone by the pool.
- Do not let your child use air-filled "swimming aids" because they are not a substitute for approved life vests and can be dangerous.
- Anyone watching young children around a pool should learn CPR and be able to rescue a child if needed. Stay within an arm's length of your child.
- Remove all toys from the pool after use so children aren't tempted to reach for them.
- After the children are done swimming, secure the pool so they can't get back into it.

Remember, teaching your child how to swim DOES NOT mean your child is safe in water.

