

❖ CITY HALL NEWSLINE ❖

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Halstead Fire/EMS Urges Residents to "Prevent Home Fires"

A pot holder too close to a lit burner or a space heater left on overnight could be all it takes to start a home fire. In fact, cooking and heating are among the leading causes of home fires in the United States, according to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

According to the latest research from NFPA, more than 2,500 people died in home fires in the United States in 2006, and 12,500 were injured. Fire departments responded to 396,000 home fires, which accounted for 80% of civilian deaths and 76% of injuries that year.

"While the number of home fires is daunting, the good news is that many are easily preventable when residents take simple steps to increase their safety from fire," said Chief VanSchaick. "Whether it's smoking outside the home, keeping space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, or staying in the kitchen when you are using the stovetop, there are easy things you can do to keep your home and family safe from fire."

Do you know how to keep your home safe from fire hazards? Reviewing the following information and taking action can help you "Prevent Home Fires" during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

- **Cooking:** Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- **Heating:** Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- **Electrical:** Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords; use extension cords for temporary wiring only. Consider having additional circuits or receptacles added by a qualified electrician.
- **Smoking:** If you smoke, smoke outside; wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.

For more safety hints and fun activities check out the website at www.firepreventionweek.com.

ANNUAL K.G.C. NOTICE TO HALSTEAD GAS CUSTOMERS

The City of Halstead is required by The Kansas Corporation Commission to give annual notice to customers concerning gas leak detection and reporting of leaks. As natural gas itself is odorless, the chemical mercaptan is added to the gas system. This chemical can tip you off to possible leaks because it smells like rotten eggs.

To report a gas leak during business hours call the City Clerk's Office at 835-2286.

After business hours, please call 911.

IF YOU SMELL GAS:

1. Do *not* light matches.
2. Do *not* turn lights on or off.
3. Do *not* use the telephone in the residence.
4. If possible, notify everyone in the building to leave immediately.
5. Call the gas company (City Hall) from a nearby building.
6. Do *not* re-enter the building until the gas company has told you it's safe to do so.

**To report a gas leak
8:00 am to 5:00 pm, M - F
Call City Clerk's Office 835-2286
After hours call 9-1-1**

As soon as the leak report is received by City Hall, a gas utility person will be dispatched to the leak location to ascertain the problem and advise corrective action.

COMING EVENTS

**Fine Arts & Crafts Festival
October 18**

**Halloween Howl
October 31**

**Downtown Holiday
Open House
November 8**

**Leaf & Limb Pickup
December 2**

**Christmas Celebration
December 6**

Halloween

Howl....

Friday,
October 31, 5:30 p.m.



On Main Street
Lightsticks & candy at City Hall
Costume Contest & Parade
Food
Treats for kids!
Fun for all ages!

Watch local papers for details.

HALSTEAD FINE ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

SAT., OCT. 18, 2008

9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

HALSTEAD
HIGH SCHOOL

520 W 6TH ST



! DANGER !
Certain Older Gas Connectors May Be Dangerous

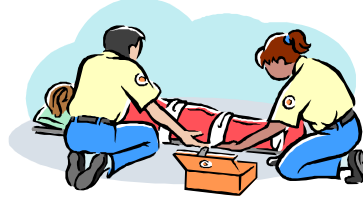
Gas connectors are corrugated metal tubes used to connect gas appliances in your home to fuel gas supply pipes. Some older brass connectors have come apart, causing fires and explosions resulting in deaths and injuries.

These older brass connectors have a serious flaw in how their tubing was joined to their end pieces. Over time, the end pieces can separate from the tubing, and cause a serious gas leak, explosion, or fire. To our knowledge, these dangerous uncoated brass connectors have not been made for more than 20 years, but many of them are still in use. The older these connectors get, the greater the possibility of failure.

Although not all uncoated connectors have this flaw, it is very difficult to tell which ones do. Therefore, **any uncoated brass connector should be replaced immediately** with either a new plastic-coated brass or a new stainless steel connector. Connectors can wear out from too much moving, bending, or corrosion. Connectors should always be replaced whenever the appliance is replaced or moved from its location.

WARNING: Only a qualified professional should check your connector and replace it if needed. Do not try to do this yourself!

FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING CLASS
 Sponsored by
Halstead Fire/EMS



Classes begin early December
 Schedule to be announced

For information contact:
 Anderson Lowe or
 Jim VanSchaick
 835-2606



Free Smoke Detectors & Address Signs

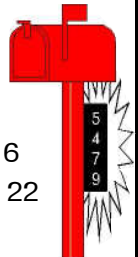
Halstead Fire Department and Troy's True Value

...will be giving away 1 smoke detector & 1 address sign each week

Drawings will be each Monday

First drawing - October 6
 Last drawing - December 22

Register at City Hall
 Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm



FREE Green Fee with Cart Rental
 (Limit 2 people per cart)

Valid Monday thru Friday only
 Coupon expires 10/31/08

Must present coupon - no copies accepted



From US Highway 50 and Hertzler Road, Wedgewood is located one mile east, one mile north and 1/4 mile east.

Remember Visa and Master Card accepted for payment
WEDGEWOOD GOLF COURSE
 316-835-2991 / 888-808-8033



Blood Pressure Check At the Library
 Every Tuesday, 1 - 2 PM

October 2008



Burnsite Open Every Saturday
 9 AM - 1 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
	STORY TIME at the library every Tuesday at 10 am					
5	6	7	8	9 Golf Board Meeting 7:00 am, 240 Main	10 Recycle	11
12	13 City Council 7 PM	14	15	16 UTILITY BILLS DUE BY 10:00 AM	17	18 Fine Arts & Crafts Festival 9 am - 3 pm
19	20 Planning & Zoning 7 PM	21	22	23	24 Recycle	25
26	27 City Council 7 PM	28	29	30	31 Halloween Howl 5:30 pm	