

# RIVERDALE

## NEWS AND EVENTS



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## INTRODUCING THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT—K9 ELZA



From left to right: DeAnna Paovani Depaco ,  
Riverdale Police Sergeant Pat Harden,  
K9 Elza, and Dr. Cesar Depaco

Riverdale is proud to announce our newest member to the Police Department, K9 Elza!

Elza is a 2 1/2 year old Belgian Malinois. She was born in the Republic of Slovakia and was donated to the police department by Dr. Cesar Depaco and his wife DeAnna Paovani Depaco of Summit Nutritional, Inc.

She will be used to combat the growing drug problem in the area by assisting officers with drug interdiction on the highways. She will also be used to give demonstrations to help educate children about the dangers of drug use.

A trust fund has been established by the Borough to accept donations to offset costs incurred by Sergeant Harden. Donation checks can be made out to the Borough of Riverdale and will be greatly appreciated.

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# ***The Mayor's Report***

**My fellow Riverdale residents,**

The winter is flying by and March is upon us. I think we're all looking forward to the warm weather and springtime!

Your Mayor and Council has been extremely busy organizing the new administration. In the first two months of 2016, we passed 55 resolutions and introduced 5 new ordinances.

On the facility front, we hired Pam Sylvestri to handle rentals of the Community Center and Glenburn Estate. In addition, the Governing Body introduced an ordinance to increase the rental fees to help cover costs to maintain these facilities.

At Borough Hall, we began the task of cleaning and organizing the offices. Our DPW department has been moving furniture, knocking down walls, and painting the offices. It's amazing how a fresh coat of paint brightens a room. I am happy to announce that the former Construction office has been converted into a new Council Workshop Meeting room. Beginning on March 9th, we will conduct our workshop meetings around a conference table, more conducive to discussion, debate, and preparation of our Regular Council Meeting agendas. These meetings are always open to the public.

With regards to the 2016 Municipal budget, we are gathering data from our borough departments and expect to introduce the budget on March 23rd. As you may have heard, Riverdale lost 23 million dollars in ratables this year due to tax appeals. This equates to a municipal revenue loss of \$148,000. What this basically means, if we prepare a ZERO increase budget, the average home would see an increase of \$56 due to this ratable loss.

The good news is we identified cuts in the budget and will introduce a fiscally responsible, minimal increase budget for 2016 with no loss of services to you.

In closing, I wish you the luck of the Irish and a HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

***Mayor Paul M. Carelli***

## **RIVERDALE FOOD PANTRY**

Sincere thanks to all who generously supported the Pantry this holiday season either individually or in a group food drive. The donations were abundant and much appreciated. The need is ongoing so please continue your support with canned foods, paper products, and cleaning items.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to assist with the Pantry, please call Linda Roetman at the Municipal Building - (973) 835-4060



## HOURS

Monday 10-8 Thursday 10-8  
Tuesday 10-5 Friday 10-5  
Wednesday 10-8 Saturday 10-4

# RIVERDALE Public Library

93 Newark Pompton Turnpike • Riverdale, New Jersey 07457  
Phone: 973-835-5044 • Fax: 973-835-2175

Registration for programs  
is required.  
Call (973) 835-5044 or visit  
[www.riverdalelibrary.org](http://www.riverdalelibrary.org)  
to sign up!

## ADULT PROGRAMS

**Planning Your Vegetable Garden — Thurs., Mar. 10, 7:00 p.m.** A Morris County Master Gardener will discuss key issues and choices in planning, planting and caring for your garden, including advice on both determining the best location and seed selection, and all the tasks and issues for the entire growing season.

**Movie Night: In the Heart of the Sea — Wed., Mar. 16, 7:00 p.m.** Based on the encounter that inspired Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*. Rated PG-13; 121 min.

**Nazis in Riverdale? — Mon., Mar. 21, 7:00 p.m.** Local historian Tom Riley will trace the origins of Camp Bergwald on Federal Hill from the construction of the camp through its confiscation by the federal government. The connection of Camp Bergwald to the German American Bund and Nazi Germany will be fully explored.

**The Irish in the American Revolution — Thurs., Mar. 31, 7:00 p.m.** The American Revolution was not only a civil war among Americans, but also among the Irish, as Irish colonists in America served both Congress and the Crown. Native Irish made up a substantial portion of the British Army, and Irish regiments served in both the armies of France and Spain and even led Hessian troops from Germany. Find out more about this fascinating subject as Todd Braisted, past president of the Bergen County Historical Society and a Fellow of the Company of Military Historians, leads a presentation on the role of the Irish in the American Revolution.

## ADULT COMPUTER PROGRAMS

**Excel Part 2 — Wed., Mar. 2, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** Topics covered include formatting data, freezing windows and hiding data, sorting, working with multiple sheets and creating a chart or graph from your data.

**Organizing Your Computer — Sat., Mar. 5, 11:00-12:30 p.m.** Are you stumped by where things are, and how you can move files or organize them? Learn to find documents, make new folders and keep them organized. Customize your workspace with desktop icons and shortcuts and learn how to put your programs on your Start menu or taskbar.

**Excel — Sat., Mar. 26, 11:00-12:30 p.m.** Learn how to create a simple worksheet. You will input data, create simple formulas and use basic formatting techniques. We will discuss tips to view your worksheet, and how to print a presentable report. *Prerequisite: familiarity with PC basics and Microsoft Word.*

 **Friends of the Riverdale Library Annual Used Book Sale** — Join us at the Riverdale Senior Community Center at 57 Loy Ave., on **Fri., Mar. 18, 4:00-8:00 p.m., Sat., Mar. 19, 10:00-4:00 p.m., & Sun., Mar. 20, 12:00-3:00 p.m.** Great books at great prices! Music and movies are also for sale. Interested in volunteering at the sale? Call the library at (973) 835-5044.

## INFANT & PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

*Storytimes run the week of January 18 through March 14.*

**Baby Time:** Up to 2 years w/caregiver. Mon., 11:15-11:45 a.m.

**Totally Twos:** 2 year-olds w/caregiver. Mon., 10:15-10:45 a.m.

**Preschool Pals:** Ages 3-5, Tues., 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

**Pete the Cat Party! — Tues., Mar. 22, 1:30-2:00 p.m.** Do you love Pete the Cat? We thought so! And just because you're such a big fan, you're invited to this special event full of Pete the Cat stories and crafting fun. *It's all good!* Ages 2 and up.

**Belle Visits the Library! — Tues., Mar. 29, 1:30-2:15 p.m.** Join us in welcoming Princess Belle when she visits Riverdale for the first time! All princesses & princes ages 2 and up are invited to meet Belle and hear princess stories at this very special program.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS — GRADES K-5

*Registration Required for all programs unless noted.*

**After School Crafts: Origami — Wed., Mar. 2, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** Learn the ancient Japanese art of paper folding and go home with fun creations to decorate your desk.

**How to Catch a Leprechaun Party — Thurs., Mar. 3, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** Children in grades K-3 can get into the St. Patrick's Day spirit when we read How to Catch a Leprechaun. Then get hands-on with crafts that can help you try to catch a leprechaun yourself!

**Paws to Read: Tales to Tails — Wed., Mar. 9, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** Readers of all levels get to read to a friendly canine listener!

**St. Patrick's Day & Spring Craft Nights — Thurs., Mar. 10, 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Children in grades K-8 can come by for *shamrock-ing* crafts!

**Maker Mondays: Paper Circuitry — Mon., Mar. 14, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** Introducing a new after school program that will allow you to do more than craft—let's be makers and start tinkering! Join us in March to get your hands on some paper circuitry. Let's give it a try!

**LEGO Lab — Wed., Mar. 16, 4:00-5:00 pm.** You bring your imagination, we'll supply the LEGOs and a great story!

**The Third Thursday: Celtic Art — Thurs., Mar. 17, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** Join us to learn about Celtic art and paint our own illuminated letters.

**Polka Dot: Live & In Concert — Sat., Mar. 19, 11:00 a.m.** Looking for a fun, high-energy, and interactive show for the whole family? Then come for Polka Dot's debut concert!

**Pranks & Gags — Thurs., Mar. 31, 4:00-5:00 p.m.** Join us the day before April Fools' Day to get ready and prepared with fun and silly pranks, gags, and similar crafts!

## MONTHLY

**Adult Book Discussion Group — Mon., Mar. 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

**Photo Club — Mon., Mar. 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Gypsy Knitters — Thursdays, 4:00-8:00 p.m.** Experienced knitters, bring a project and join in!



at Riverdale Recreation



# RECREATION NEWS



In order to register for any of the programs below, to ask any questions or looking to volunteer for any of the programs, you may call 973-835-4060 x232 or email riverdalerec@gmail.com

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26, 11:00 am SHARP

Open to children 2yrs - 5th grade

Bring your own basket!



## 2016 SPRING BREAK REC

For children currently in K-5th grade

April 11-15 at Riverdale Community Center, 9:30-2:30

**COST = \$125 per student**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE 3/31:**

To Register: [www.riverdalenj.gov/recreation](http://www.riverdalenj.gov/recreation). You can also call 973-835-4060 x232 or email [riverdalerec@gmail.com](mailto:riverdalerec@gmail.com)

## 2016 Summer Rec Registration

For children entering 1st - 6th grade as of Fall '16 - Full Time

For children entering 7th - 8th grade as of Fall '16 - Part Time

**\$150 deposit due by 3/23 to reserve your child's spot**

Summer Rec dates for 2016: June 27 - July 29.

9:00-3:00 at Riverdale Community Center

**REGISTRATION forms available online now. Email [riverdalerec@gmail.com](mailto:riverdalerec@gmail.com) with any questions.**

## SOFTBALL CLINIC - DATE CHANGE

March 17, 21, 22, 23 & 24 @ Lakeside School in PL

7:00-8:30PM, for 1st - 8th grade, Cost = \$60



TO REGISTER: Email [riverdalerec@gmail.com](mailto:riverdalerec@gmail.com) or call 973-835-4060 x232

## 2016 COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS

Applications are now being accepted for **SUMMER REC COUNSELOR** positions. The deadline to apply is 4/30.



You **MUST** be 16 and a Riverdale Resident to apply.

Applications are available at Borough Hall or online ([www.riverdalenj.gov](http://www.riverdalenj.gov))

Email [riverdalerec@gmail.com](mailto:riverdalerec@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Field Hockey Clinic - DATE CHANGE

Thursdays, 3/31 - 5/5 (excluding 4/14 for Spring Break) @Lakeside School in PL

7:00-8:30PM, for 1st - 8th grade, Cost = \$70

TO REGISTER: email [riverdalerec@gmail.com](mailto:riverdalerec@gmail.com) or call 973-835-4060 x232

## Women's Fitness

in conjunction with Pompton Lakes Recreation

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 7:00 - 8:00 PM

at Lincoln School in Pompton Lakes

Session III: 3/21/16 - 5/1/16

\$50 for 16 classes, \$35 for 10 classes, or \$5 drop in



## TENNIS CLINIC

Sunday's 4/3 - 5/1, 1:00 - 1:45pm

2 - 2:45pm special needs session

@ Hershfield Park Tennis Courts in Pompton Lakes

Cost = \$15, open to K - 8th grade

TO REGISTER: email [riverdalerec@gmail.com](mailto:riverdalerec@gmail.com) or call 973-835-4060 x232



## Field Hockey CAMP

June 27, 28, 29, July 1 & 2

9:00-10:30am, Cost: \$70

Open to 1st - 8th grade students

@Hershfield Park in PL



**From the desks of Riverdale School Superintendent,  
Mrs. Vicki Pede, and Principal, Mr. Sean Bowe:**

It is quite amazing that it is already the month of March and that so much of the school year is now behind us. To date, we have certainly been through a much more mild winter than last year. In fact, we have more emergency days remaining as opposed to last year at this time! Speaking of winter and of course the snow that is always a possibility, a picture book that is fun for children of all ages is entitled *Axle Annie* by Robin Pulver with illustrations by Tedd Arnold. In this book, along with the “fun” of not having to use snow days, we see the power of what happens when we help others. This is a perfect book for the season and a reminder to all of the importance of helping others.

As can be seen on our school calendar and the upcoming events below, Read Across America Week begins in March. It is a specific time in school that reading is celebrated even more as we honor Theodor Geisel better known as Dr. Seuss who wrote approximately sixty books, most of which have been enjoyed by many for years! One of his books, *Oh the Places You'll Go!* includes the following words: “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go.” Like the main character in *Axle Annie*, our students can decide their direction in school and in life. It is our job to assist them in making the best choices that they can. So, as we celebrate reading, let's think about all of the positives we are working on in school to assist all of our children as we prepare them for now and for their future endeavors.

March is also a time that we are working on so many aspects of a child's education. Our school board is working on solidifying a budget that is in line with the goals of the Board, the District and certainly in line with the school's mission statement. In concert with educating the whole child, there are so many activities outside of the classroom that are coming to fruition. Please note that our Variety Show, Science Fair, and Softball Tryouts are all scheduled for March. Along with your attendance at the budget presentation meeting, it is our hope that you come to as many of our school events possible. Remember that a strong home-school connection is essential. As stated in the opening paragraphs, we are in the driver's seat when it comes to supporting our children. Please know that you are always welcome at Riverdale School!

### UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS AND REMINDERS:

Read Across America	February 29-March 4	Various Locations
School Board Meeting	March 2 -7:30	Library
School Planning Team Meeting	March 9 – 2:45	Library
PTA Meeting	March 10 – 7:30	Cafeteria
School Board Meeting	March 16 – 7:30	Library
Softball Tryouts	March 21, 22, 23	Gym/Fields
Spring Picture Day	March 22	Locations TBA
Science Fair	March 23 – 6:00 through 8:00	Gym
Budget Presentation	March 23 – 7:30	Library
School Closed	March 25	School Closed
Conferences	March 28	Early Dismissal
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip	March 30 – April 1	Washington, DC



**CHIEF OF POLICE**

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**Sergeant Gregory Bogert**

**Sergeant Chris Biro**

**Sergeant Patrick Harden**

**Sergeant Charles Quant Jr.**

**Sergeant Robert DiGirolamo**

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**Patrolman Gary Keil**

**Patrolman Michael Reilly**

**Patrolman Joe McDermott**

**Patrolman Travis Roemmele**

**Patrolman Kyle Parrill**

**Patrolman Andrew Duffy**

**Patrolman Dan Salvati**

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**James Nolan**

**Sara Webb**

**William Budesheim**

**RECORDS CLERK**

**Secretary Theresa Pellegrini**

**K-9 UNIT**

**Elza**



# RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Department Phone Numbers

EMERGENCY: 911

Non-Emergency: (973) 835-0034

RIVERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

91 Newark-Pompton Turnpike

Riverdale, NJ 07457

We would like to warn residents about the increase in scams. Scams come in many ways. There are phone scams, mail scams and internet scams. Residents should be on guard against these. Here are a few tips that can help protect you and your family.

1) If it is too good to be true, it probably is. If you receive some type of communication stating that you have inherited money, won money, or should invest money; remember that is a scam. These people are counting on your greed.

2) Check with your local Police Department. Many times you will be told that you owe the IRS or Bank money. You may also be contacted by some one claiming to be a loved one that is in trouble and needs money to get out of jail. The people conducting these scams will tell you not to call the police because you will be arrested. The police are here to help you not arrest you. If you are ever told to "not contact the police", you should contact the police immediately.

3) Never give money or personal information. You should never wire money to someone that you do not know. You should also be aware that your personal information is just as valuable as money. Scammers will take your information and sell it to people for identity theft. If you are contacted by some one claiming to work for a credit card company or such, they will ask you to confirm your personal information. Do not do that without confirming who they really are. Take down a name and number. Then call the company yourself, using a known number.

These are just a few tips. If you ever have any issues or concerns remember that the Riverdale Police Department is here to help you and feel free to contact us 24 hours a day at 973-835-0034.

***Lieutenant James MacIntosh***

***IT'S TIME TO GET CREATIVE AGAIN!!***

THE RIVERDALE WOMAN'S CLUB IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE ITS

**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SCRAPBOOK FUNDRAISER**

DATE: SATURDAY – APRIL 16, 2016

TIME: 10 AM TO 10 PM

PLACE: RIVERDALE COMMUNITY CENTER – 57 LOY AVENUE

COST: \$45 IF PAID BEFORE March 1<sup>st</sup> .....\$50 IF PAID AFTER.



*LUNCH, DINNER AND SNACKS INCLUDED!*

*LOTS OF CROPPING SPACE AND EVERY SEAT IS AN ASILE SEAT!*

*MULTIPLE VENDORS INCLUDING "CLOSE TO MY HEART"," CREATIVE MEMORIES" AND "STAMPIN UP".*

*DOOR PRIZES, MASSAGE THERAPIST, RAFFLES AND MORE!*

*RSVP to JENNY WALENTA TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT- 973-650-8860*

*15 SILVERLEAF COURT, RIVERDALE, NJ 07457*

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO - RIVERDALE WOMAN'S CLUB

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to fund the various scholarships and awards the Woman's Club presents to High School and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

## **BY AND LARGE**

*by Elaine Peacock*



### **LOVE THOSE ANGELS**

Do you know what an angel looks like? Could you pick them out of a crowd? They really look quite ordinary, just like you or I. Their wings never show or even their halos, but they are angels nonetheless. Think about the people you have met recently, say in the past week or so. Did someone hold the door for you or help you carry your groceries to your car? Did someone give you a big smile and ask you how you were feeling that particular day; a day that you felt a bit down? Did you get an unexpected phone call, letter or e-mail from someone you haven't heard from in a long time? How about an unexpected hug from someone when you needed it most? These are definitely examples of angels at work. Actually angels can be as close as our next door neighbor or many miles away. We really don't think of people we see all the time as angels but they are. GOD gives everyone opportunities to be an angel to someone or cross the path of someone who can be an angel for us. March brings us March winds, a wee bit of the Irish and best of all the wonderful blessings of Easter Angels.

The **Riverdale Seniors** new president, **Gloria Carelli**, opened the first meeting of the month, welcomed everyone, and introduced **Chaplain Elaine Peacock**, who read an inspirational piece, "**Quiet Place**". This was followed by the flag salute, club pledge and singing of "**God Bless America**". **First Vice-President, Loretta Lippens** acknowledged the members who celebrate February birthdays, read a "Birthday Wish" and we sang "Happy Birthday".

**Gerry Maher** reported on two interesting upcoming library events, a live performance of folk music, and a class on organizing clothes. **Kay Boucher** and **Barbara Stillwaggon** are busy working on the St. Patrick's Luncheon at the Grasshopper Irish Pub in Newfoundland, and hope to make it an enjoyable day for all. Sixty-four members have signed up and all monies are due at the next meeting. **Warren Sheps**, formerly of the Trip Committee, thanked his co-chairperson, **Sandi Wolf**. He announced that he would be happy to coach and give his advice to the person or persons who have yet to volunteer to organize trips this year. We love our trips.

President Carelli told us that there would be a Riverdale News and Events letter coming out monthly, but it would be smaller and contain all news of interest to the residents of this community, and it will include a Senior Corner column. She also passed out a survey sheet to see where the member interests lie regarding forthcoming trips and programs to be held at the meetings, etc.

The meeting was closed, raffle conducted, refreshments served and Bingo played.

The second meeting of February was opened by **President Gloria Carelli**, who welcomed everybody for coming out on this very cold and windy day. **Chaplain Elaine Peacock** read a piece which she wrote, entitled "**Love Those Angels**". **First Vice-President Loretta Lippens** brought us up-to-date on ill members, and acknowledged the lovely Valentine's Day decorations that Gloria purchased for us. The Secretary and Treasurer reports were given.

**Kay Boucher** gave out driving directions to the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon next month, and collected all remaining checks. **Barbara Stillwaggon** announced that she has been asked to run one trip. She gave details about a May trip to the Hunterdon Playhouse for luncheon and the show "Rumors", which was well received.

President Carelli gave us the results of the survey regarding trips and programs for our meetings, which provided great information on members likes and dislikes. She announced that at our March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting the speaker will be **Police Chief Kevin Smith**, who will speak about "scams", especially those that target senior citizens.

The following month our program will be "Health At Home", which would feature such things as "7 signs of a stroke", etc. Also, as our first meeting in July and September fall on Independence Day and Labor Day respectively, the senior meeting will be held the following day. Gloria has been very busy!! The meeting was closed, raffle conducted, jokes told, refreshments served and Bingo played.

**Presented by Kay Boucher**



# Council Business Report

By Councilman Dave Desai



Type of Property	Properties	Total Assessment	Average	Percent
Vacant Land	68	\$18,195,500	\$267,581	2.3%
Residential	1667	\$471,933,500	<b>\$283,103</b>	58.8%
Farm	3	\$471,000	\$157,000	0.1%
Commercial	134	\$274,476,800	\$2,048,334	34.2%
Personal Property Telephone	1	\$7,245,200	\$7,245,200	0.9%
Exempt	41	\$30,460,300	\$742,934	3.8%
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>1914</b>	<b>\$802,782,300</b>	<b>\$419,426</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
(Less Exempt)	41	\$30,460,300	\$742,934	
<b>NET VALUATION TAXABLE (2016)</b>	<b>1873</b>	<b>\$772,322,000</b>	<b>\$412,345</b>	

## RIVERDALE FACED WITH PROPERTY VALUATION DECREASE

Reassessment and reclassification of properties in 2015 are going to have a major impact the borough's tax revenue for 2016. In all, we are facing a net reduction in assessed values of both commercial and residential properties in excess of \$23 million. This will result in decrease of \$147,457 in our municipal tax revenue.

Leading the way were Riverdale Crossing (Walmart, Sports Authority, etc.) which will receive a reduction of \$58,000 as a result of tax appeal, 553 units at The Grande at Riverdale which will receive a combined reduction of \$61,000 as a result of a scheduled reassessment, and 90 Riverdale Road which will be reduced by \$19,000 as a result of a partial reclassification of the property from a commercial building to a mosque.

This equates to a 3% decrease in the municipal tax levy. Clearly this is a big hurdle to cross when preparing our 2016 budget, but rest assured, we will be working hard to minimize the impact on the community.

## RIVERDALE WELCOMES OUR NEW RENTAL ASSISTANT

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Pam Sylvestri as our new Rental Assistant. Pam will be handling all rentals at the Senior Community Center and Glenburn Estate. New office hours:

**Monday-Tuesday-Thursday: 5:00pm-7:00pm at the Community Center**

**Wednesday: 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Glenburn for tours of the property**

Reservations MUST be made in person. Stop by to see Pam for information and pricing.

# RIVERDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Department Phone Numbers

EMERGENCY: 911  
Non-Emergency: (973) 831-1584

56 Post Lane  
Riverdale, NJ 07457



**Fire Chief: Dan Sturm**  
**Assistant Chief: Jim Regeling**  
**Fire Administrator: Pat Cleary**

## Home Safety for People with Disabilities

There's no place like home. It is a place to relax, share laughs with family, and enjoy home cooked meals. But did you know that the majority of fire deaths occur in the home? It is important to help everyone in the home stay safe from fire.



### Home Fire Sprinklers

Home fire sprinklers protect lives by keeping fires small. Sprinklers allows people more time to escape in a fire. When choosing an apartment or home, look for one that has home fire sprinklers.

### Smoke Alarms

- » Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- » Test your smoke alarm at least once a month by pushing the test button. If you can't reach the alarm, ask for help.
- » For added safety, interconnect all the smoke alarms. If one sounds, they all sound. This gives people more time to escape.
- » Smoke alarms with sealed (long-life) batteries work for up to 10 years. They can be helpful for people who find it hard to change batteries.

### People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

- » Smoke alarms and alert devices are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- » Strobe lights flash when the smoke alarm sounds. The lights warn people of a possible fire.
- » When people who are deaf are asleep, a pillow or bed shaker can wake them so they can escape. The shaker is activated by the sound of a smoke alarm.
- » When people who are hard of hearing are asleep, a loud, mixed, low-pitched sound alert device can wake them. They may find a pillow or bed shaker helpful. These devices are triggered by the sound of the smoke alarm.



### Escape Planning

**Include everyone** in home escape planning. Each person should have input about the best ways to escape. Home fire drills are important. Everyone in the home must participate in them. Keep a phone by your bed in case you can't escape and need to call for help.

**Talk with someone from the fire department** about your escape plan. Ask them **review your plan**. Ask if your fire department keeps a directory of people who may need extra help. If you have a **service animal**, agree on a plan to keep the animal with you during an emergency.

Name of Organization Goes Here

Contact Information Goes Here



Your Source for SAFETY Information  
NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

## Scout Sprouts

Ages 3-6

Games and Activities

Arts and Crafts



Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 94658

To earn our Bronze Award

Dates:

March 12<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Session 1: 9:00 am -10:00 am  
Session 2: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Register Early!  
Space is limited!

All three dates included

Toddler Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Time (circle one) 9:00-10:00 am / 10:30-11:30 am

Please return completed form with your activity fee to:

Girl Scout Troop 94658  
26 Greenwich Street  
Riverdale, NJ07457

Activity Fee:  
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For more information, call Ivette at (973) 769-5520

## Hoverboard Safety



Hoverboard — part toy, part transportation. These self-balancing scooters have quickly become the latest fad. However, many hoverboards have been linked to fires. NFPA urges you to be fire safe when using these devices.

### IF YOU PURCHASE A HOVERBOARD

- » Choose a device with the seal of an independent testing laboratory.
- » Read and follow all manufacturer directions. If you do not understand the directions, ask for help.
- » An adult should be responsible for charging the hoverboard.
- » Do not leave a charging hoverboard unattended.
- » Never leave the hoverboard plugged in overnight.
- » Only use the charging cord that came with the hoverboard.
- » Stop using your hoverboard if it overheats.
- » Extreme hot or cold temperature can hurt the battery.

### Signs of a Problem

Some hoverboard fires have involved the Lithium-Ion battery or charger. Signs you could have a problem:

- Leaking fluids
- Excessive heat
- Odor
- Sparking
- Smoke

If you notice any of these signs, stop using the device right away. Call 9-1-1. If safe to do so, move the hoverboard outside away from anything that can burn.

### Travel Notes

- Many airlines have banned hoverboards. If you plan to fly with a hoverboard, be sure to check with your air carrier.
- When riding in a car, keep the hoverboard where you can see it in case it shows signs of a problem.

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