

Fire Dept. and NFPA team up For Fire Prevention Week Oct. 3-9

During this year's Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 3-9, 1999), the Fire Department will team up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, to execute "The Great Escape".

Launched by NFPA last fall, "The Great Escape" is a three-year public safety campaign designed to get more people to develop and practice a home fire escape plan than ever before.

As a way to actively participate in Fire Prevention Week, the department and NFPA invite Winter Park residents and employees to develop a home fire escape plan. Then on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m., Fire Department personnel will sound the horns of engines throughout the city as a "fire alarm" - the perfect time to practice your home fire escape. In addition, Fire Department personnel

will go to every nursery and elementary school in Winter Park to present a new and exciting 20-minute puppet show which teaches fire and injury prevention.

To end Fire Prevention Week, the department will host an open house at Station 61 (on the corner of New York and Lyman avenues) on Saturday Oct. 9 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in conjunction with City Awareness Day.

During City Awareness Day the department will present the 20-minute puppet show as well as having health screenings.

For more information on home fire escape plans or other Fire Prevention Week activities, please contact Tracy Stowers, Public Education Specialist, at 741-4904.



(l to r) Mechanic Bob King; Lift Station Operator John Frost and Division Chief Bill Archer are pleased to announce that Bill Archer, Division Chief of Utility Maintenance and Bob King passed the Stormwater "A" certification and John Frost passed the Stormwater "C" certification during the State school in Titusville last week. Bill Archer now has an "A" certification in Wastewater Collection, Water Distribution and Stormwater. Bob King has an "A" in Wastewater Collection and Stormwater and a "C" certification in Water Distribution. John Frost has a "C" certification in Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection and Stormwater.

Discount offered to City Employees on Barrington Place Apartments

Barrington Place Apt. Homes, located at the intersection of Dean Road and Aloma Avenue, is offering a preferred employer discount to employees of the City of Winter Park.

Please call Keri Helm at 672-0870. The discount consists of a low security deposit, no application fee and \$100 off the first month's rent.

MDA Boot Drive best ever at \$18,307

Winter Park firefighters were on the streets Aug. 31, Sept. 3 and Sept. 4 collecting for their annual "Fill the Boot Drive" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). This year, firefighters collected their largest dollar amount - \$18,307 - on the corner of Aloma and Lakemont avenue and Fairbanks and Orlando avenue.

Engineer/Paramedic Ron Ryan is the MDA Coordinator for Winter Park and has been involved in raising money for MDA since he began working for Winter Park 12 years ago. "As long as I can remember, firefighters have had a history of doing this for MDA," said Ron. "After I began with the department, one of the MD families came to the station and it brought home what we were doing this for."

In addition to the boot drive, Winter Park firefighters collected approximately \$14,000 for MDA on June 2 during their annual MDA "Lock-up". The Lock-up is an additional funding source for donations that began four years ago.

Mayor Joe Terranova also proclaimed the week of Aug. 30 - Sept. 6 "Winter Park Professional Firefighter Appreciation Week" at the Aug. 24, 1999 City Commission meeting.



Ken Brown, Emergency Communications Manager, has accepted a position as the Director for Metro Communications in Sioux Falls, S.D. Ken starts working in Sioux Falls on Oct. 4. The City thanks Ken for his past support and wishes him well with his new position.

Notes from...

FIRE

Congratulations to Captain Tod Meadors who received an Instructor's Certificate which will allow him to instruct Fire Department personnel.

Captain Tod Meadors, Firefighter/EMT Herk Mueller and Firefighter/Paramedic A.J. Isaacs participated in this year's Florida Weekend at the National Fire Academy during August. The weekend brings fire personnel from Florida to the academy for a chance to take a variety of classes.

PARKS

Congratulations go out to Carol and Bill Swartz, Chief of Athletics, who recently received a Community Service Award in recognition of outstanding service, Giving A Helping Hand.

The Azalea Lane Recreation Center will be holding classes for the Academy of Classical Dance. Classes include Creative Movement (ages 3 1/2 to 5), Preparatory Ballet (ages 6 to 12), Intermediate and Advanced Ballet & Pointe (for qualified students) and Adult Ballet Classes (all levels). Private and Group lessons as well as Coaching are also available. Call (407) 339-5521 for schedule, tuition rates and brochure.

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PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Douglas Diebler obtained certification with SBCCI as a Chief Building Code Analyst. Diebler has 10 years of experience as a general contractor. He also has two and one half years of experience as a building inspector and plans examiner with the City's Planning and Community Development Department.

POLICE

Officer William Holley was selected as Officer of the Month for the Police Department and Kiwanis Officer of the Month. Officer Holley was dispatched to a burglary to a vehicle, at Rollins College, involving five juveniles. The total loss of property was just under \$3,000. Subsequent follow-up investigation revealed the identity of the individuals involved, resulting in the arrests of all five persons, and most of the stolen property returned to the victim. Officer Holley demonstrated excellent investigative skills and a desire to see the case through.

We would like to take this time to announce that Sharon Wagganer and Javier Rodriguez were sworn as police officers and began work on September 20, 1999. Welcome aboard.

Ray D'Hilly has been promoted to Administrative Coordinator (Shift Supervisor) in Communications. Ray will assume the duties of overseeing the dayshift operations of the Emergency Communications Center.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

As of Oct. 1 the Public Relations Divisions will be changing its name to the Public Relations and Communications Division to better reflect the large amount of communica-

tion work such as newsletters, the City's Web site, speeches, press releases, etc. that is generated by the division.

Although the division is involved in community relations, promotions, publicity, marketing and public relations campaigns, writing, newsletters, Web site maintenance, press releases and liaison work is also an important part of the division's responsibilities.

FINANCE

Rose Gamba, Assistant Finance Director/Special Projects announced that Kaley Elementary in Orlando (Kaley and Ferncreek) is in need of reading mentors for the children. They provide the children and the materials all you need to do is provide a lap, a hug and a commitment any day, Monday through Friday 8:30 am -1:30 pm. Just one half hour, twice a week can make all the difference in the world! Kaley Elementary School 1600 East Kaley Street, Orlando, FL 32806. Directions to Kaley: From the intersection of Colonial Dr. (Hwy. 50) and Orange Ave., proceed south on Orange Ave. to Kaley St., turn left, proceed east on Kaley St. approximately 2 miles to Ferncreek Ave. The school is a red brick building just past the intersection of Kaley and Ferncreek. Anyone interested in volunteering as a reading mentor, should contact Beryl Centko, Curriculum Resource Teacher, at 407-897-6420 x224.

UTILITIES

The Utilities Division would like to welcome the following new employees: Angel Pesquera with the Water Distribution Division and Stewart Armondi with the Construction Services Division. Welcome aboard guys!

Andy Drummond, with the Construction Services Division, just got back from Titusville where he went for and received his FWPCOA Class "B" Certification for Wastewater Collection. Congratulations Andy.