



THE HEAT



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Fall is in the air!! Temperatures are starting to cool off and leaves are beginning to change. It's definitely a beautiful time of year.

With cooler temps means it's time to get your heating units and fireplaces checked out for the season. Dirty filters or unmaintained heating units can cause serious damage to the unit and can cause home fires. If you use a space heater please be aware that you need to keep at least a 3 foot clearance around the heater. Never leave heating units

unattended or on while sleeping.

November 11th marks Veterans' Day, a federal holiday (previously known as Armistice Day) observed annually not only in the United States but in many other countries throughout the world. In the United States, it is a day that honors all men and women that have served as military veterans in the United States Armed Forces. Additionally, Veteran's Day 2016 is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans Day should not to mistaken with Memorial Day; Veterans' Day celebrates the service of all United States military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service.

The holiday season is also upon us now. Hard to believe that Thanksgiving is a few short weeks away with Christmas not far behind. Tis the season of giving and to be thankful for our blessings in life. Granted there are some that are going through tough times. Please keep these people and everyone in your thoughts during this holiday season.

Shaun Howell

Fire Chief

Important Dates

Nov. 6th - Time Changes

Nov 11th - Veterans Day

Nov 24th - Thanksgiving



November 6th!!!



Hot Shots

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



Coleman Intermediate



Edgewood Elementary



L.L. Owen

LIGHTHOUSE CHARTER PINK OUT PARADE



MEN IN TRAINING @ TAYLOR ELEM - WH





November Birthdays

Edward Pinkins - Nov 4th
 Alexander Bryant - Nov 5th
 Eldon Still - Nov 8th
 Kahdijah Miller - Nov 10th
 Chris Mackey - Nov 17th
 Keaton Reynolds - Nov 18th
 Bryan McPherson - Nov 21st
 David Johnson - Nov 26th

Fire Services

FREE SERVICES

- FREE SMOKE ALARMS
- FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
- FREE HOME SURVEYS TO INSPECT FOR FIRE HAZARDS
- FREE ADDRESS NUMBER PROGRAM

Burn Permits is a paid service offered by the Pine Bluff Fire & Emergency Services. There are two (2) kinds of burn permits: Controlled Burn Permit costs \$25.00 and expires in 60 days. Approved Container Permit costs \$5.00 and expires in 1 year. Burning Permits shall not be transferable either from one location to another or from one person to another.

November Anniversaries

Kevin Chapmon - Nov 7th - 10 years
 Ronnie Plunkett - Nov 11th - 25 years
 Russell Carothers - Nov 12th - 15 years
 Lora Harrell - Nov 15th - 17 years
 Carla Covey - Nov 16th - 1 year
 Randy Compton - Nov 28th - 23 years

Controlled Burning is burning on the ground. Approved Container Burning is burning yard waste in a closed metal, brick, concrete or rock container. Before any such containers shall be utilized by any person the container must be approved by the Fire Chief or his representative.

RULES TO BURN IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Do not leave fire unattended or burn when wind is high.
- 2) Put fire out before sunset/burning must occur at exact location.
- 3) Only yard waste shall be permitted to burn: grass, clippings, leaves, shrubbery/tree trimmings collected from that site. No garbage, rubber, plastics, metals, petroleum products, tires, shingles, treated or processed lumber, or hazardous materials.
- 4) Have connected water hose or other means to control fire.
- 5) Open burning shall have a minimum 50 feet clearance from any structure, property lines, public ways, and utilities.





HOME HEATING SAFETY



No matter what type of device you use to heat your home, making sure your heating devices and/or systems are in good working order is an important part of learning some fall fire safety tips. Many things can go wrong with heating equipment during the spring and summer months. Verify that everything you need to keep your home warm throughout fall and winter is in good working order before you experience the first cold snap of the season.

CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM SAFETY TIPS

- Get your central heating system cleaned, inspected and serviced by a certified HVAC (heating, venting and air conditioning) contractor every year before using it.

If you have a gas heater, make sure that you have a sufficient quantity of fully functioning carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.

SPACE HEATER SAFETY TIPS

- Make sure that any space heaters are surrounded by at least three feet (3 ft) of empty space.
- Never place clothing or any other objects on a space heater to dry.
- Do not place space heaters near furniture or drapery.
- Turn space heaters off when you leave the house or go to bed.

Avoid storing any combustible items near heaters.

FIREPLACE SAFETY TIPS

- Get your chimney inspected each year to make sure that it is safe.
- Hire a chimney sweep to clean out your chimney every fall.
- Repair any cracks in fireplaces.
- Use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside the fireplace.
- Do not ever use gasoline to start a fire in the fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Make sure that combustible materials are not stored within three feet of your fireplace.
- For natural gas fireplaces, get all connections and lines inspected before use each season.

