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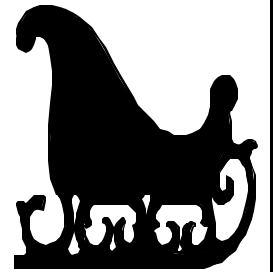
Newsletter Idea:

Many of you may wonder why the Libertytown Vol. Fire Dept. is sending out a newsletter to you. "COMMUNICATION"

We feel that for us to understand your needs and for you to understand what it takes for us to help the community we must inform you of our changes, activities, equipment and fund raisers. We are a very active company with an array of activities for all ages and interests. We truly hope that this newsletter educates you and inspires you to come out and join us. Become an active member in your community and support the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Dept.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Yes, folks Santa Claus is taking time out of his busy schedule to ride one of our fire trucks to your neighborhood.



This year Santa will be visiting on Tuesday December 19th thru Thursday Dec 21st. Santa will begin visiting at approximately 6:00 p.m. and finish around 9:00 p.m. each night. Due to Santa's busy schedule he will only be visiting subdivisions and the town limits this year. He has planned to visit the following areas on the specified dates below and in the order listed.

Tues. Dec 19th -All of Libertytown, Liberty East, Wisperren Oaks, Daysville Acres, Rhod-Ayr, View More Heights, Horseshoe Farms, and Harshman Estates subdivisions.

Wed. Dec 20th-Winter Springs Estates, Liberty Knolls, Fox Ridge, Bessie Clemson Heights, Glissan Place, Potomac Estates, Harvest Hills and Unionville.

Thurs. Dec 21st-Coppermine Estates, Johnsville, Hemp Hills, Tarson Manor, Buffalo Hills and Talbot Run Estates.

If Santa doesn't come visit you please come out to a subdivision near you.

If you not sure what night Santa is visiting your neighborhood please call Chief Courtney Nash @ (301)898-5931.

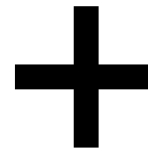
What's New?? House Number Update

The Libertytown Vol. Fire Dept. has just finished updating our house number books for our response area. So your saying what's so new or interesting about that? Well most importantly it helps us locate your house if you ever have an emergency. Secondly it adds some 250+ addresses to our outdated book. Thirdly we mail this newsletter to each address in our house number book so we've increased our mail out to approximately 5,000 copies. This news letter is often the only way for us to keep you, our customers, informed of what's happening with your local fire department. It also allows us to let you know who we are (page 3), bring you seasonal safety tips that are often forgotten (page 4) and what it takes to make the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department operate. Well we hope you enjoy our news letter and thank you for taking the time to learn about us.

For more information call our "Events Hot Line" at (301)898-4400 or visit us on the World Wide Web @ www.lvfd.org

Upcoming Events

Food, Fun and More



Blood Drive

Jan. 18

3-8 PM

Make an Appointment Call
Jackie Norris 829-0344



Bring in the year 2001 with us

December 31st
Music By: DJ 40

Dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
BYOB

Finger food will be served: Hot wings, meatballs, veggie trays etc.

Call for reservations 301-898-9539

Hungry for Breakfast?



Once again Libertytown Vol. Fire Dept. will be holding the best country breakfast around. The menu will include scrambled eggs, sausage, scrapple, pudding, french toast, pancakes, potatoes and fruit served buffet style with coffee, juice, milk and all the fixings.

Breakfast will be held on the following dates & partnered with the local organizations listed.

Dec. 17th / LHS POM-POM & Dance Team
****Santa Claus will be visiting****

Jan. 21 / LHS Junior Class

Feb. 18 / Boy Scout Troop # 1062

Mar. 18 / Liberty Elem. School PTA

The above organizations will receive a portion of the proceeds collected that day.

Great Food Served From 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

BINGO

Every Wednesday
Doors Open 6:00 p.m.
1st game 7:00
Guaranteed \$300 Jack Pot Every Week
Tip Jars, Jackpots,
Players Pool
Food served by the Auxiliary

Banquet Hall

Need a place to have your banquet, wedding reception, anniversary or birthday party?

The Libertytown Fire Department's Banquet hall is perfect for any of these occasions. From the pastel wallpaper to the chandeliers and wall sconces you can set any abeyance. We have changed our menu to offer more variety in food and prices.

For more information please call
Lucille Key at (301)829-9296 or
Mary Morrissey at (301)898-9539

Saturday Nite Fever

And we are talk'n about the

Hottest Bingo
action around

26 Games for \$22.50
2-\$300.00 Jackpots per Night

Doors Open at 5:00 pm
Bingo Starts at 7:00 pm

Dates for Bingo

February 10, 2001
March 10, 2001
April 7, 2001
May 12, 2001
June 9, 2001

Food Served by the Auxiliary

"Project Save A Life" Update

In our last issue of the Liberty Extinguisher, we asked for your support of "Project Save A Life" a fund raising campaign established to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera. We are pleased to announce that several individuals and local businesses have helped to get this campaign started. We also have been to several of the local service oriented clubs seeking their support as well and will continue this venture into early 2001. Delivery of our new "Bullard" brand camera is near and we plan to have it in-service by years end. Meanwhile we have been training with a manufacturers

loaner camera. Deputy Chief Kenneth Poole has been heading up this project and providing the training to our members. I would like to take this opportunity to "thank" Deputy Chief Poole for all of his dedication and hard work on this project.

Finally, it's not too late to make a donation to this project. You can mail your tax deductible donation to LVFD, P.O. Box 33 Libertytown, Md. 21762. Attention "Project Save A Life". Thanks to all who have supported this very worthwhile project.

Chief, Courtney Nash Jr.

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Be A Volunteer - Did You Ever Wonder Who They Are??

Seth Tolson— is a 43 year old husband and father of one. Seth is a manager at Home Depot and enjoys hunting and fishing in addition to volunteering. He joined the department in Aug. 1999 but came to us with training and experience from another department. Seth is also a certified CPR and First Aid instructor. When asked what volunteering means to him, Seth said, "A feeling of being needed and it fulfills a sense of duty to my neighbors and the community".

Cheryl Horner— is a 35 year old wife and mother of two. Cheryl is a stay at home mom who enjoys church, family, softball and boating in addition to volunteering. She joined the department in Oct. 1997 with no prior fire or rescue experience. Since that time she has become a Maryland certified Emergency Medical Technician and an ambulance driver. When asked what being a volunteer means to her, Cheryl said, "I love to help others and getting to know the community".

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Becoming a member of the volunteer fire department does not require any training, fire fighting or providing emergency medical care. We have many functions within the department that do not require any special talents or knowledge. It DOES take a special individual who is a team player, wants to meet interesting people and take an active part in helping the community.

For more information about becoming a volunteer please call (301) 898-4400 Ext. 8

Join Our Junior Division

Have you ever wanted to be a firefighter or an emergency medical technician who rides an ambulance? If you have some free time on your hands and are between the ages of 14 and 18 the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department Junior Division is the place for you. As a junior member, you will get some basic training on how the fire company operates, how to use equipment and if your 16 years old or older you can be qualified to ride the emergency apparatus while starting to take formal training and some in house training. After some of the basic state certified classes we will train you to use the "Jaws of Life", Thermal Imaging Camera and many other specialty tools we have at the station. If you have the strength and dedication and want to be a Junior member of the Libertytown Volunteer Fire Department, please call Seth at (410) 775-7945.

Do you have what it takes?

Libertytown Vol. Fire
Dept.

In An Emergency Dial 911

Logon to LVFD.

ORG

*to find out what is
happening at the LVFD
Or call the
Events Line
at 301-898-4400*

FROM THE CHIEF

As my fifth year as chief comes to an end, I have elected not to seek a sixth term at this time. While this position is very demanding, it has been a rewarding experience as well. I want to thank all the officers, members and auxiliary for their hard work and support over the past five years. I hope the incoming chief receives the same support I received. Lastly, we will continue to work hard to provide the community with the very best fire and rescue service possible.

Courtney Nash, Jr.
Chief, LVFD

* SAFETY TIPS *

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and this is the time of the year we are all susceptible to fire. To help ensure a fire safe holiday season, we have put together this list of holiday safety tips.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

Consider an artificial tree first. They are more resistant to fire. If selecting a real tree, make sure you buy a fresh one. If already cut, tap it on the ground. If needles fall to the ground, **DON'T BUY IT**. After purchasing your tree, leave it outside until you are ready to decorate it. Heat decreases the life of a cut tree. When you are ready to decorate your tree cut and inch off the bottom before placing it in the tree holder. This allows the tree to absorb more water to help keep it fresh. If using a crock or bucket as a tree holder, cut the bottom of the tree at an angle to allow the tree to absorb water freely. Water your tree often. A six foot tree will absorb a gallon of water every two days. Place your tree away from heat sources such as heaters or wood stoves. Be careful not to block doorways or exits when placing your tree. When decorating your tree, only use Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved lights. Make sure the lights are in good condition and work properly. Never use outdoor lights on your tree. Do not link more than three strands of lights together. Never modify the length of light strands to shorten or lengthen them. Never use candles on your tree. Always turn tree lights off when sleeping or leaving your house.

OTHER SAFETY TIPS

When using candles, use with a broad base plate so they won't easily be tipped over. Keep them away from combustibles and children. Make sure candles are out before going to sleep or leaving the house. Don't hang stockings on the fireplace mantel when the fireplace is in use. When using extension cords for your Christmas lights, don't coil or bunch them up. This can cause overheating of the cords. When entertaining guests in your home, check for smoldering cigarettes in upholstered furniture before going to bed. Never burn your Christmas tree in the fireplace or wood stove. This can lead to creosote build up in the linings of the chimney and cause a chimney fire.

MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE MERRY & FIRE SAFE