

Parish Safety Committee Newsletter

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The Parish Safety Committee (PSC) continues to work on several projects such as new signage for our parking lot, traffic control measures, a new construction and repair review process / policy, as well as addressing safety concerns posed by our parishioners. We would like to thank everyone for his or her input and assistance. We also would like to welcome our newest member Joe Kingston. Joe brings a lot of fire protection & life safety experience to our group.

Summer is coming

The NFPA offers the following tips to make your summer safer:

Scooter, bike and pedestrian safety

Scooters, bikes, in-line skates and skateboards are associated with numerous injuries yearly.

- Wear a comfortable, properly fitted helmet bearing the label of an independent testing lab. Be sure that the helmet sits level on top of the head—not rocking in any direction—and always fasten the safety strap.
- Be sure that safety gear (wrist, elbow and kneepads) fits properly and does not interfere with the rider's movement, vision or hearing. Wrist pads are not recommended for scooter riders as they may affect their ability to maneuver.
- Ride scooters and bikes only on smooth, paved surfaces and only ride during daylight hours.
- Learn the proper hand signals and use them when you turn or stop.
- Come to a complete stop before entering driveways, paths or sidewalks, then look left, right and left again for bikes, cars or pedestrians heading your way.
- Teach crossing safety to children by example

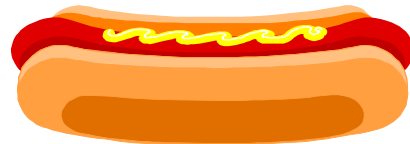


Barbecue safety



Beware when you barbecue. In one year alone, gas and charcoal grills caused 1,500 structure fires and 4,200 outdoor fires in or on home properties, resulting in a combined direct property loss of \$29.8 million, according to NFPA.

- When using barbecue grills on decks or patios, be sure to leave sufficient space from siding and eaves.
- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.
- Keep children and pets far away from grills.
- With charcoal grills, only use charcoal starter fluids designed for barbecue grills and do not add fluid after coals have been lit.
- With gas grills, be sure that the hose connection is tight and check hoses carefully for leaks. Applying soapy water to the hoses will easily and safely reveal any leaks.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and have the grill repaired by a professional, if necessary.



Remember

*If you have an idea to make it safer
Please pass it along.*

Safety First / Environment Always

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