



# Hot Flashes

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**19th Annual Ribs & Raffle  
Day Sunday, June 29th.  
11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



On Sunday, June 29th, the Signal Hill Volunteer Firefighters will host their only fundraising event, their famous Ribs & Raffle Day. Ribs & Raffle Day is your opportunity to support the women and men who work tirelessly to protect our community.

**How to order ribs & side dishes:** Advance orders for ribs and side dishes can be made one week prior to June 29th, so be sure to call in your order. Please call 397-1995 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. the week of June 22nd. After hours, please leave your name and telephone number in the voicemail system; we will return your call.

Ribs are \$15.00 per side. Add a side dish or two to complement your ribs. Cole slaw, baked beans, and potato salad will be available for \$2.50 a pint. Just place your order when you order your ribs. Ribs will be available for pickup at the firehouse, 329 Hazel Avenue, between 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on June 29th.

**How to purchase raffle tickets or make a donation:** Raffle tickets are included with this issue of *HOT FLASHES* and should be returned to the firehouse before 4:00 p.m. on June 29th. The drawing will be held at approximately 4:15 p.m. You may also drop off your raffle tickets when you pick up your rib order.

To return raffle tickets or make a donation by mail use the address below:

Signal Hill Firefighters  
329 Hazel Avenue  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

Please make checks payable to: Signal Hill Volunteer Firefighters

Need more raffle tickets for friends, family, or co-workers? Please stop in or call the firehouse @ 397-1995

## **Emergency — Dial 9-1-1**

*Remain Calm — Give location, name and type of emergency clearly.*

*Always let the telecommunicator hang up first.*

**Non-Emergency.....277-3500  
Administrative.....397-1995**

**Reminder—NEW HOURS!**



**Ribs sell out every year — Order yours early!**

Dozens of Raffle Prizes will be given away on June 29th. Remember you can't win unless you return your Raffle Tickets.

A full list of businesses, individuals & organizations that help to support Ribs & Raffle Day `08 will be listed in the October issue of *Hot Flashes*.

This year's prizes (over 50) will include a DVD player, a CD player, "other" electronics, gift certificates, tickets to sporting events, dinner certificates, gift baskets and dozens of other prizes. The combined retail value of these prizes is *several thousand \$\$\$s!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNAL HILL  
FIREFIGHTERS  
RIBS & RAFFLE DAY  
Sunday, June 29, 2008**

\$1.00 PER TICKET  
Thanks for your  
support

### *Did You Know?*

- The taxpayers of the Signal Hill Fire Protection District **avoid over \$4,000,000** in taxes - versus the cost of a career (fully-paid) fire department providing a similar level of service.
- Signal Hill was the **first volunteer fire department** in southern Illinois to have earned an Insurance Services Organization 3 rating - providing the opportunity for reduced homeowner insurance rates.
- The Signal Hill Fire Department **has been recognized** by the United States Fire Administration for its exemplary practices.
- The Signal Hill Fire Department has **received over \$245,000** in grant monies since 2000. These funds have either added or enhanced the service levels to our customers.
- All the proceeds for Ribs & Raffle Day are reinvested for the **safety and security** of our citizens.
- Since 1946, Signal Hill Volunteer Firefighters have consistently delivered a **high level** of skilled services **24/7 - 365 days a year**.

*Help Those Who Help You - Support Ribs & Raffle Day!*

***The Signal Hill Fire Department Welcomes  
Our Newest Active Members***

**Alan Kent, Cody Thompson, "Chip" Suess,  
Mike Anderson, Ray Barcinas**



*Improving the Quality of Life in Our Community 24/7—365 Days a Year*

## Spring is for planting and **EARTHQUAKES!**

To the surprise of many, the earthquake on April 18, about 120 miles east of St. Louis, originated in the Wabash Valley Fault and not the better-known and more-dreaded New Madrid Fault in Missouri. The earthquake registered 5.2 on the Richter scale and hit at 4:40 a.m. with a strong aftershock occurring at approximately 10:15 a.m. that morning, followed by lesser ones on subsequent days. The initial earthquake was felt in parts of 16 states.

Earthquakes strike suddenly, violently and without warning. Identifying potential hazards ahead of time and advance planning can reduce the dangers of serious injury or loss of life from an earthquake. Repairing deep plaster cracks in ceilings and foundations, anchoring overhead lighting fixtures to the ceiling, and following local seismic building standards, will help reduce the impact of earthquakes.



### **What to Do Before an Earthquake - Ways to Plan Ahead**

- Fasten shelves securely to walls. Place large or heavy objects on lower shelves.
- Store breakable items such as bottled foods, glass, and china in low, closed cabinets with latches.
- Hang heavy items such as pictures and mirrors away from beds, couches, and anywhere people sit.
- Brace overhead light fixtures. Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections. These are potential fire risks.
- Secure a water heater by strapping it to the wall studs and bolting it to the floor.
- Store weed killers, pesticides, and flammable products securely in closed cabinets with latches and on bottom shelves.

### **Identify Safe Places Indoors and Outdoors**

- Under sturdy furniture such as a heavy desk or table. Against an inside wall. Away from where glass could shatter around windows, mirrors, pictures, or where heavy bookcases or other heavy furniture could fall over.

### **Have Disaster Supplies on Hand**

- Flashlight and extra batteries. Portable battery-operated radio and extra batteries. First aid kit and manual. Emergency food and water. Non-electric can opener. Essential medicines. Cash and credit cards. Sturdy shoes.

### **Develop an Emergency Communication Plan**

- In case family members are separated from one another during an earthquake (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), develop a plan for reuniting after the disaster.
- Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

Prepare, Plan, Stay Informed. Visit [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov)

# Signal Hill

## Fire Department

329 Hazel Avenue  
Belleville, Illinois 62223

NONPROFIT ORG.  
CARRIER ROUTE  
PRESORT

**PAID**

Belleville, Illinois  
PERMIT NO. 880



*To Report a Fire Dial 9-1-1*

There is no electricity and no water.  
You cannot drive your car.  
You cannot make a phone call.  
All streets are blocked.  
All stores are closed.

What's scarier than this?

**NOT BEING PREPARED.**

Disaster education, preparation and relief.  
One of the many ways the Red Cross saves lives.

To enroll your group in **free** Community Disaster Education, call the Red Cross at **314-516-2753**.



**American  
Red Cross**  
St. Louis Area Chapter