



# Hot Flashes

Volume 15 Issue 3

www. SHFD.net

June 2009

*Published for Residents of the Signal Hill Fire Protection District*

**19th Annual Ribs & Raffle  
Day Sunday, June 28th.  
11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



On Sunday, June 28th, 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 28th, 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 \$16.00 per side. Add a side dish or two to complement your ribs. Cole slaw, baked beans, and potato salad will be available for \$3.00 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 28th. 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**

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

Dozens of Raffle Prizes will be given away on June 28th. 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 '09 will be listed in the October issue of *Hot Flashes*.

This year's prizes (over 50) will include a DVD player, a MP3 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 28, 2009**

\$1.00 PER TICKET  
Thanks for your  
support

**Where do the funds go from *Ribs & Raffle Day*?** All monies raised from *Ribs & Raffle Day* are reinvested back into our community. Here are some examples from 2008 of how your support helps to make your community safer.

- Public Education and Fire Prevention Programs - \$2800.00. Fire prevention is more cost effective than fire suppression operations. By funding these types of programs fires injuries and property damage can be reduced or eliminated. These programs are targeted at children. The result is low incidences of fires ignited by children playing with fire.
- Replace Multi-Gas Detection Equipment - \$1828.00. Replace a 18-year old multi-gas detection unit. Multi-gas detection sensors are used to identify the presence of carbon monoxide, oxygen levels, hydrogen-sulfide or explosive vapors/gases. This equipment is essential to conduct investigation into strange odors, CO alarms activations and determining safe atmospheres.
- Purchase Traffic Safety Vest - \$800.00. In order to comply with the United States Highway Administration's rules, firefighters are now required to wear approved traffic safety vests at emergency operations on highways/roadways. The Highway Administration ordered all first responders to wear safety vest because of the high number of firefighters, police and EMTs being struck and killed along roadways.
- Purchase Rapid Intervention Team Equipment - \$1200.00. Additional rescue ropes, webbing and equipment bags were acquired to enhance firefighters equipment cache for rescuing trapped or injured civilians or firefighters. Providing firefighters with the proper equipment is critical for on-scene safety.

***Help Those that Help You!***

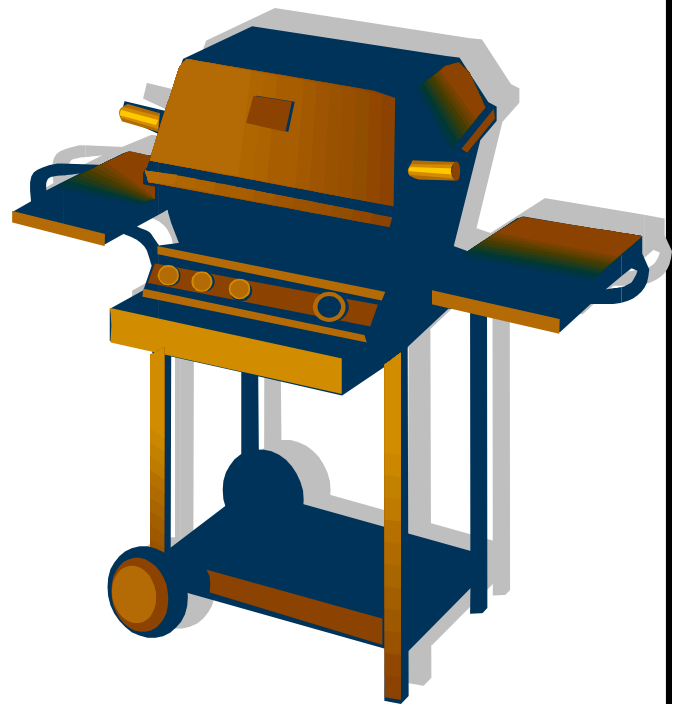
***The Signal Hill Fire Department Welcomes Our Newest  
Active Member - Ann Perdue***

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



## Barbecue Grill Safety

- Keep grills at least 10 feet from siding and eaves.
- Never use a grill in a garage or carport.
- Before using a gas grill, check hoses and connections for leaks.
- Check that the venturi tubes-where gas and air mix-are not blocked.
- Never overfill a propane tank.
- Consumers should only use propane tanks that have a three-pronged valve: this is a sign that there is an over-fill protection device in the tanks.
- When lighting a charcoal grill, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add fluid after the fire is started.
- To dispose of hot coals, soak them with water and stir to make sure the fire is out.
- Never put coals in plastic, wood, or paper containers.
- Wear snug-fitting clothing when grilling.



During the course of the year, the Signal Hill Fire Department receives notices of recalls of various appliances, consumers goods, and other personal products.

For example, recently the Consumer Products Safety Commission recalled Kitchen Gourmet (r) 10-Cup Coffeemaker White, XQ-673K or W14A3714 and Signature Gourmet (tm) 12-Cup Programmable Coffee-maker, Black XQ-673BT or CM4193D, W14A5084. The name of the coffeemaker is printed on the front of the unit. The model number and the item number are printed on a sticker located on the bottom of the unit. These coffeemakers can ignite due to an electrical failure, posing a fire hazard. These units were sold at Walgreens Pharmacies.

To stay updated on recalls and other safety notices, log on to [www.firesafety.gov](http://www.firesafety.gov) or [www.CPSC.gov](http://www.CPSC.gov)

---

## Gasoline Safety

- **Never** use gasoline inside the home or as a cleaning agent.
- **DO NOT** smoke when handling gasoline - Don't laugh, it does happen!
- Fill approved gasoline containers carefully. Take the container out of the vehicle or pickup truck bed. Place the container on the ground. Keep the pump nozzle in direct contact with the container at all times to avoid a static electricity discharge. Only fill the container to 95% capacity to allow for expansion.
- Allow gasoline fueled equipment to cool prior to refueling.
- Store gasoline in a tightly closed metal or plastic container approved by an independent testing laboratory. **NEVER** re-use plastic container such as milk jugs. **NEVER** use glass bottles.
- Store only enough gasoline necessary to fuel equipment.





*Volunteer*  
*Firefighters*  
*Needed*  
*Today to Protect*  
*Our Community*

*Call 397-1995*  
*To Learn More*

***I WANT YOU!***

---