

Newberg Rural  
Fire Protection  
District

# Think Safety...

Promoting Emergency Preparedness Around the House

THINK SAFETY...

Spring 2012

You're  
Invited!

Newberg Fire  
Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, May 6  
630a-1p

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## Construction Continues

Remodel to the main fire station downtown continues. With funds received from a FEMA grant, we are upgrading the main station.

Improvements will include a larger training room, additional bunk rooms, and a new physical fitness training facility. We are also installing a ventilation system designed to help evacuate toxic diesel exhaust fumes from the apparatus bays.

We are especially excited about the new bell tower that will be easily visible to all visitors. Perched on top of two pillars in front of the main entrance will be the original fire station bell that the City of Newberg purchased in 1898. The bell, originally mounted in the cupola on the roof of Newberg's Hook and Ladder Company #1, cost \$170 and was paid for by fundraisers including ice cream socials.

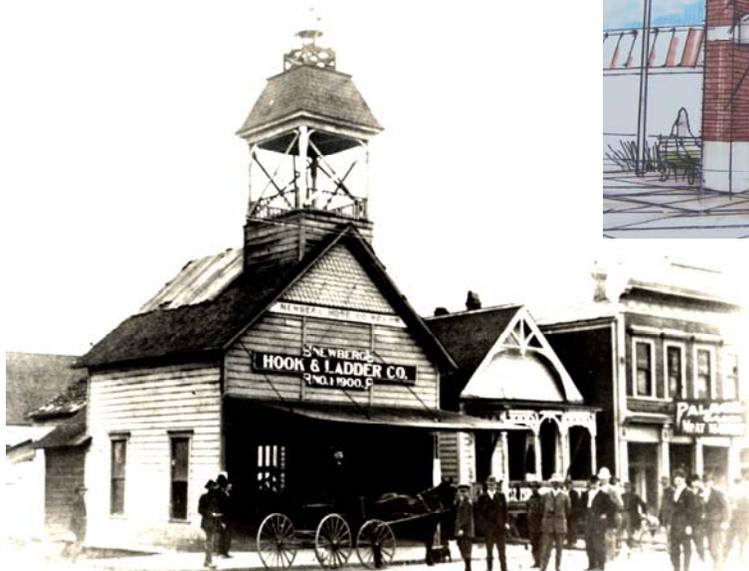
When a fire was discovered, the first arriving firefighter to the station would ring the bell to alert

other firefighters of the emergency.

In the early 1900's a siren replaced the bell as the alert signal for firefighters. The bell has since been on display at various locations around the fire station.

A plaque describing the history of the bell will be permanently mounted to one of the new pillars.

Newberg's current volunteer firefighter association is paying for the new resting place for the bell and will also place a plaque on the pillar in honor of Newberg's firefighters.



Please be extra careful  
around the construction  
when you join us for our  
annual pancake breakfast.





## Rural Address Signs

To get your FREE address sign, please visit our web site at [www.newbergoregon.gov/fire](http://www.newbergoregon.gov/fire), or call us at 503-537-1230.

Our address sign program has been an outstanding success—at least from our standpoint. When seconds count, we look for the green address sign.

Nearly 1800 highly visible address signs are now installed—helping us do a better

job of serving you.

Don't take for granted that we will be able to quickly find you in time of need. If your property is not accurately marked, precious time may be lost.

Many driveways and homes in our district are still

poorly marked or not marked at all.

Please help us correct this and take the time to fill out the simple application to receive your address sign. The sign and installation are still **FREE!**

## Prepare for Wildfire

**MYTH**

*Homes in the Newberg rural area are not susceptible to burning in a wildland fire because we don't get the large, multi-thousand acre wildfires like those in Central and Eastern Oregon.*

**TRUTH**

*Homes, barns, and other outbuildings have burned in our area in the past several years as fire moved from wildland to structures. Our small acreage grass and brush fires can move so quickly that you do not have time to protect your home as the fire approaches. And we may not have the resources to cover a wide area quick enough to help.*



Wildfire is a natural disaster that you can successfully defend against.

### It is your responsibility to make your house defensible.

Even with our typical Western Oregon wet springs, we *will* have a fire season. We always do. So prepare.

Rarely do fires in our area spread through the tree tops. We usually have ground fires that race through brush and grass. For homeowners this means that simple fuel reduction may well save their house from an approaching fire, without any help from the fire department.

#### Here's How:

*Within 10' of a structure (wood decks count as part of the structure):*

- ✓ Use low growing, high moisture content plants free of

resins, oils, and waxes that burn easily

- ✓ Trim back or eliminate trees that overhang the house

- ✓ Remove all dead vegetation

- ✓ Do not stack firewood in this area

- ✓ Remove pine needles and leaves from roof gutters

#### *Within 100' of a structure:*

- ✓ Keep lawns green and mow regularly

- ✓ Prune trees 6' up from the ground

- ✓ Create a "fuel break" such as green grass, driveway, or gravel path

- ✓ Remove dead vegetation and trim overgrown brush

Access to your home for fire equipment is also very important. Keep the sides of your driveway trimmed up and trim overhanging branches. An area for us to turn around in is also required.

If a wildfire is threatening your home, do not hesitate to escape. If time allows do the following before you leave:

- Turn on yard sprinklers
- Close all windows, doors, openings, vents, close shutters, drapes, blinds
- Turn off natural gas or propane supply
- Carry your cell phone

# Car Seat Safety

The safety of your baby in a car seat is just as important as the crib they sleep in. The multiple types of car seats available and the requirements for each can be very confusing. Learning how to install the seat and use it correctly will keep your kids safer.

Newberg Fire can help with inspection, installation, and questions on what to purchase.

## Free Child Safety Seat Inspection and Installation

(No appointment necessary at scheduled clinics)

**Station 21**  
3100 Middlebrook Dr  
May 3, 5p-7p  
June 2, 9a-11a  
August 4, 9a-11a  
October 6, 9a-11a  
November 1, 5p-7p

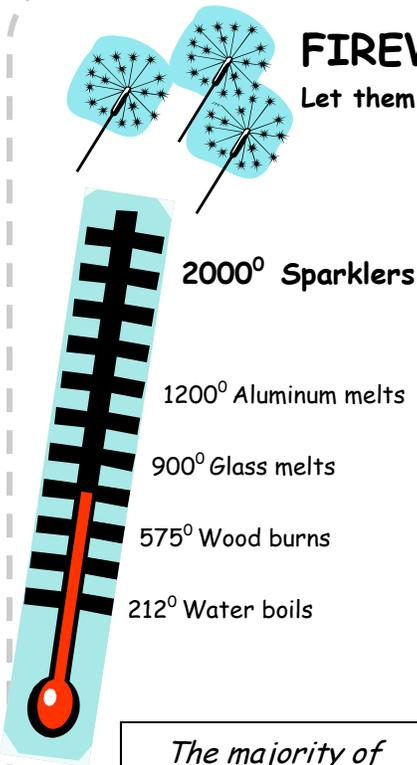
**Station 20**  
414 E 2nd St  
September 6, 5p-7p

If these times do not fit your schedule please call 503-537-1230 to schedule an appointment.



# FIREWORKS!!!

Let them light up the night—not force a trip to the emergency room.



*The majority of sparkler injuries happen to kids under 5 years old.*

Fireworks are meant to be enjoyed. You'll enjoy them much more knowing your family is safe.

- ◆ Place fountains on a stable base or ground. They can tip and aim at spectators.
- ◆ Never alter or combine fireworks.
- ◆ Don't stand over the top when lighting.
- ◆ Wear eye protection and never hold them in your hand.
- ◆ Discard used fireworks in a bucket with water. Do not throw into the trash until the next day.
- ◆ Never relight a "dud".
- ◆ Alcohol and fireworks don't mix.
- ◆ Never light or toss fireworks near dry grass or brush.

There are more fires in the U.S. on the 4th of July than any other day. If you cause a fire to occur from the use of fireworks (legal or illegal), you will be responsible for the damage.

Ground bloom flowers are typically the #1 cause of brush fires in Newberg during the July holiday. They are legal in Oregon, but they bounce and spin and people tend to throw them near bushes.

Think about your pets. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed on July 4. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured.

Take extra precautions this Fourth of July and have a blast this holiday!

**SPARKLERS BURN AT NEARLY 2000 DEGREES—YET FOLKS CONTINUE TO HAND THEM TO THE YOUNGEST KIDS.**



*NFD's new rescue boat purchased from the Yamhill County Sheriff.*

The Willamette & Yamhill Rivers, Hagg Lake, and all the local ponds and streams keep our water rescue team busy. We also respond

to adjoining counties that do not have a water rescue team. Unfortunately, most of the emergencies we respond to are preventable. Before adventuring out on the water this summer, please give your boat a safety/operational inspection to make sure everything

is in good working condition.

Share the waterways. Many accidents happen because people don't respect the many different types of users.



# Boat Safely

**DON'T FORGET THE ESSENTIALS**  
Life jackets for everyone on board  
ABC fire extinguisher  
Visual & audio distress signal devices  
Lights  
Tell someone where you are going  
Take a cell phone

2011 Emergency Calls		Fire Calls	
<u>Medical Calls</u>		Structure Fires	29
City	2007	Vehicle Fires	16
Rural	225	Wildland Fires	6
Dundee	161	Other Property w/Value	29
		Mutual-aid Fires	27
<u>Vehicle Crashes</u>		Other General Alarms	442
City	205	(Includes Investigations,	
Rural	120	Public Assists, Illegal/Legal	
Dundee	43	Burns, Smoke/Odor Problems,	
		Downed Power Lines, Gas	
		Leaks/Spills, False Alarms,	
		etc)	
<u>Out of District</u>		Total Fire Calls	549
Medicals	126	Ave Fire Calls per Day	1.5
Vehicle Crashes	20		
Hospital Transfers	506		
Water Rescues	17		
Coverage Move-ups	495		
Total Medical Calls	3925		
Ave Med Calls per Day	10.8		

**Total Calls Year 2011 4474**  
**Total Ave. Calls per Day 12.3**

## Newberg FireMed



Open Enrollment is

September 1st thru October 31st

**\$45** covers your entire family for one full year  
 Or

**\$105** for joint FireMed and Lifeflight membership

**Q: What is FireMed?**

A: Newberg FireMed guarantees no out-of-pocket expense for ambulance transport that is doctor ordered or medically necessary.

**Q: Can I sign-up for FireMed outside of Open Enrollment?**

A: Yes, however your membership will be subject to a 30 day waiting period and the \$45 fee is NOT prorated. All memberships expire on October 31st each year.

For an application and more information contact  
 Newberg Fire Department (503) 537-1230 or visit our website at  
[www.newbergoregon.gov/fire](http://www.newbergoregon.gov/fire)

**Newberg Fire Station #20**  
**Corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Howard**

Seniors	\$5
Adults	\$7
Kids (6-12)	\$3
5 and under	FREE



**Sunday May 6**  
**6:30am - 1:00pm**

All you can eat...  
 Pancakes, Eggs, Smoked Sausage, Coffee, Milk,  
 and Orange Juice.

# 22nd Annual NFD Pancake Breakfast