

WOODLAND HILLS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2014

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014!

City News from December

- A resolution was passed appointing Ray Walker as Mayor Pro-Tempore for 2014.
- City Council meetings will again be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
- The City's contract with Waste Management expires in 2014. As such, the City voted to get competitive bids for all of its waste removal, including recycling.

JANUARY HAPPENINGS

- City Council Meeting
Tues., Jan. 14, 7 p.m.
- Martin Luther King Day
Mon., Jan. 20
- City Council Meeting
Tues., Jan. 28, 7 p.m.

CITY INFO

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Deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter is the 20th of each month.

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year. I hope the holidays have treated you well.

We made it through another year and winter has come with a bit of snow. Colder temperatures and the accumulation of snow have increased the need to remind our residents of a few items.

We would like to remind everyone that it's the responsibility of the homeowner to make sure the hydrants on their property are clear of snow. In the event of a house fire, it will be critical that we are able to hook to the hydrant without having to clear it first. This extra time may determine whether the house is saved or lost.

With winter brings the urge to sit in front of a nice warm fire. Please follow all burning regulations. These are posted on http://whentoburn.com/?utm_source=Google&utm_medium=cpc&gclid=CO2S5t-LursCFcpDMgodECQAXA . Should you suspect a fire in your chimney get everyone out of the house and then call 911. Please make sure that everyone in your house knows what the signs are. The information below is a portion of the following link.

http://www.msue.msu.edu/objects/content_revision/download.cfm/revision_id.499664/workspace_id.-4/01500598.html/

Be Prepared for A Chimney Fire

No wood burning system is 100% safe and fire-proof. A safe installation and extra care help prevent fire, but accept the idea that there could be a fire, and be prepared to handle it. Chimney fires are most likely

to occur during a very hot fire, as when cardboard or Christmas tree branches are burned or even when a stove burns normal wood but at a higher than normal rate.

Make certain everyone in the house is familiar with the warning signs of a chimney fire --- sucking sounds, a loud roar and shaking pipes. Instruct everyone on what to do in case of fire. Practice fire drills and instruct all adults on how and when to use a fire extinguisher.

If you have a chimney fire

- a) Call 911 immediately and get everyone out of the house.
- b) If all the stove pipe joints are tight and no other appliance is connected to the same flue, close all openings and draft controls if you have an air-tight stove. Close the stove pipe damper in a non-air-tight stove.
- c) If you have a leaky stove or fireplace you may have to wait for the fire to burn out.
- d) Get everyone out of the house, and put them to work watching for sparks or signs of fire on the roof or nearby.
- e) Toss a plastic baggie of baking soda into the stove or fireplace, if the chimney is not sound or there is a danger of the house or surroundings catching on fire. The chemical travels up the chimney and often extinguishes the flame.
- f) Throwing water in a stove will cause the metal to warp and may ruin your chimney, but if it's a choice between the house or the stove, use water.

g) Have the chimney checked after a fire. A chimney fire can range from 2000 to 3000 degrees F which is hot enough to cause deterioration of metal or cause masonry to weaken. Metal chimneys can deteriorate after 2 or 3 fires.

h) If a chimney fire occurs once, chances are that it will occur again. Find the cause.

A problem with frequent chimney fires is the possibility of the framing catching on fire. The ignition temperature of new house framing is about 500 degrees F. Over a period of years, as this wood is repeatedly heated by chimney fires, the wood will ignite at a much lower temperature.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at fire@woodlandhills.cc. Have a great day and please be fire safe.

Chief Northup,
Woodland Hills Fire