

Hills fire department open house is Sunday

The Farmington Hills Fire Department's fire prevention open house will feature cooking safety, a vehicle fire and rescue, a safety house and a magic show Sunday, Oct. 8.

The family program will accent fire safety and prevention. It's a good chance to learn about fire

equipment, the fire service and Stop! Drop! and Roll! Visitors will be able to practice dialing 9-1-1 for emergency help.

Jim Carmody will perform fire safety magic at noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Smokey T. Bear, Robbie the Robot, Parky the Panda and Sparky the Fire Dog also will make appearance

es during the noon to 4 p.m. event at fire headquarters, 28711 Drake, north of 12 Mile.

Sesame Street's Bert and Ernie will appear in a puppet show.

A helicopter landing is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

Could you escape from your house during a fire? Practice with the entire family as the safety house fills with smoke.

The fare also includes helium balloons, cartoons, movies, fire badges, a dunk tank, a kitchen burn, antique fire trucks, blood pressure checks, fire clowns, firefighter dress-up, a coloring contest, refreshments and door prizes.

Informational booths on health and fire safety will be set up.

THE OPEN house is part of National Fire Prevention Week.

This year's theme is "Big Fires Start Small: Keep matches and lighters in the right hands."

Playing with fire — primarily matches or lighters — is the leading cause of residential fire deaths among preschool children.

- Did you know:
- More than 300 people die in residential fires each year as a result of child fire-play.
 - Fires started by children playing mostly with matches or lighters represent 3 out of 10 preschool child fire deaths.
 - 75 percent of all fatalities in child-caused fires are 5 years or younger.



Fire Lt. Mike Garr (left) and fire technician specialist Denny Hughes teach children at Wooddale Elementary the concepts of preventing a fire and what to do should one start at home.

The Farmington Hills Fire Department will present 32 elementary school assemblies during October.

- The most frequent cause of fires involving unattended children in multiple-death fires was child fire-play, usually with matches or lighters.
- Smoke detectors aren't present in 84 percent of the homes where preschool fatalities occur.
- Curiosity is the most common reason children play with fire.
- 40 percent of all those arrested for arson are juveniles.
- 38 percent of all children in grades 1-8 have played with matches or lighters.

Fire Prevention Week theme announced

The National Fire Protection Association has announced the theme for Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8-14: "Big Fires Start Small: Keep matches and lighters in the right hands."

"The problem of children playing with fire has long challenged the fire protection community," said Robert Grant NFPA president. "With that in mind, we selected a theme which emphasizes the importance of early

education to the dangers of matches and lighters."

Child fireplay is the leading cause of fire deaths among the very young, killing three of every 10 preschool children who die in residential fires, and the sixth leading cause of civilian fire deaths.

Many children are faced with the temptation to play with fire every day. "Quite frankly, parents who leave matches and lighters within a

child's reach are courting tragedy," Grant said.

"Very young children do not have the capacity to understand the consequences of striking a match or lighter, and many older children who do understand have no idea how quickly a fire can grow out of control."

Educating adults as well as children, beginning at a young age, is an important step in this battle. But it

doesn't end there. Intervention is also vital. Matches, lighters and other heat sources must be kept out of the reach of children.

Fire Prevention Week was first proclaimed by President Warren Harding in 1922 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. That fire killed 250 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed 17,400 buildings.



Last year, Farmington Hills firefighter Jim Cheyone demonstrated what happens when you toss water on a grease fire. The better way to extinguish a stovetop fire is to smother it with another pan, he said.

Musicafe granted entertainment/dance permit

Farmington Hills has granted the owner of the planned Metropolitan Musicafe in Farmington Hills an entertainment/dance permit — without dressing rooms.

The police, fire, building and zoning departments did not object to the permit, city clerk Kathryn Dorman said.

On July 24, the city council granted

ed Cutraro (doing business as Twelve Mile 1089 Inc.) a full-year Class C liquor-by-the-glass license for his restaurant, a \$500,000 investment.

The 300-seat restaurant, employ-

ing 100, is projected to gross up to \$2 million in its first year of operation.

The 9,000-square-foot restaurant, Cutraro's third, will be in the Arborium Office Park on 12 Mile,

west of Farmington Road. It's expected to open early next year.

Cutraro plans to have a disc jockey playing classical and rock-oldie records Tuesday through Saturday

nights. A live rock-oldie band will entertain on Sunday nights.

Cutraro has a Sunday liquor sales permit filed with the state Liquor Control Commission.

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