

THE VILLAGE TRUMPET

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ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

The Annual Meeting of the Hazardville Fire Department (HFD) took place on May 17. In one order of business, **Phillip Thomas** was reelected for another term as Chairman of the HFD Commissioners.

An honorary member of the HFD, Philip has been a fire commissioner since 2000. In years prior, he served as a volunteer firefighter, highest-rank deputy chief and fire marshal under the Commissioner of State Police. He is also credited with chartering the town's Fire Marshals Association and creating school fire-prevention curriculum for students in kindergarten through grade six. In addition, Mr. Thomas has 27 years of volunteer town service, is past president of the Northeast Shrine Association, and is a member and former vice chairman of the Board of Governors for the Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield, MA.

Also at the Annual Meeting, it was agreed that the mill rate for the Hazardville Fire Department will remain the same for the upcoming year. This is thanks, in large part, to the HFD commissioners, who diligently work to save taxpayer dollars without sacrificing quality or safety.

Spotlight On...

OWEN JARMOC, SQUAD 5

In February, Owen Jarmoc joined the Hazardville Fire Department (HFD) as a cadet in Squad 5, a training program for high school students between the ages of 14 and 18 who are interested in fire service.

Owen, age 14, was born and raised in Enfield. In keeping with the values and beliefs with which he has been brought up, he joined Squad 5 as a means of serving his community. His decision was influenced by the fact that he knew some members of the HFD and considers firefighters, in general, to be "the coolest guys out there."

Squad 5 members, like Owen, participate in drills and training twice a week. They are able to attend emergency incidents and perform such duties as fighting grass fire, setting up air bottle



change stations and assisting with traffic control. They are also able to pull the lines from the apparatus, hook up hydrants and provide tools, as needed. Although they are not allowed into burning buildings until age 18, Squad 5 offers an excellent opportunity to

gain valuable skills and knowledge.

The unpredictable nature of going on calls is one of the things that Owen enjoys most about Squad 5. He also likes being part of a team and appreciates the learning experience.

Owen is following in the footsteps of the man for whom he was named. His great-grandfather, Owen Joseph Coyne, was a fireman in the Scollay Square district of Boston. He would no doubt be very proud to see his great-grandson in action on Squad 5!

ANNUAL BANQUET *Draws a Crowd*

Approximately 100 guests turned out to enjoy a wonderful evening of dinner and dancing during the Hazardville Fire Department's Annual Banquet. The event, which took place at Grassmere Country Club on April 10, was organized by **Tom and Sara Moriarity**.

During the course of the evening, **Pat Martin**, Firefighter/EMT, was honored as Firefighter of the Year. In addition, **David Praus**, 2nd Engineer/EMT, was awarded for 20 years of service. Congratulations to both Pat and Dave, and many thanks for all their hard work and dedication.



Pat Martin



David Praus

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Sean Clifford



The Hazardville Fire Department (HFD) is pleased to welcome **Sean Clifford** on board. Sean recently completed his probationary period, during which time he underwent extensive training, attended weekly drills, and spent three to four days a week at the station learning the ropes. All his hard work paid off, earning him the official title of firefighter.

Sean is an iron worker by trade, but he has always wanted to try his hand at firefighting. Six months ago he decided to take the plunge and join the HFD. So far, he finds it very exciting and rewarding. In fact, he is considering firefighting as a career.

Sean was born and raised in nearby Somers and relocated to Enfield last year. He and his wife are expecting their first child.

The HFD is always happy to welcome new members. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, please call us at **(860) 749-8344** to learn more.

HFD GETS IN ON THE “EGGSCITEMENT!”

In May, the Hazardville Fire Department once again had the honor of assisting the students at Nathan Hale Elementary School during a fun lesson on the power of teamwork and creativity in the scientific process. Students in grades one through six participated in an egg drop. This highly anticipated activity was initiated several years ago by third-grade teacher Jan Ellis and has since become an annual event coordinated by a committee of teachers.

In preparation for the egg drop, students throughout the school were assigned to a team within their class. Over 40 teams were formed, each of which started with an egg and a 12" x 12" box. Teams were told that their egg would be dropped from approximately 60 feet in the air. Their mission was to find a way to protect it, using only four additional items of their choosing. The eggs were dropped by the HFD's aerial truck.

Amazingly, a total of 31 eggs survived the drop fully intact. Each of the winning teams received a certificate. Among the many innovative items that



students utilized were cotton balls, Styrofoam packaging noodles, a peanut butter jar with a hole in the center hollowed out to hold the egg, and balloons. Even the teams whose eggs weren't so fortunate enjoyed the activity immensely and learned a powerful lesson they'll not soon forget!

Community HAPPENINGS

As of this printing, members of the Hazardville Fire Department (HFD) were busy coordinating several upcoming events, including a summer lunch program for children and a senior picnic in September.

Details will be posted online at **www.hazardvillefire.org** as they become available. For more information, community members are also encouraged to call the HFD at **(860) 749-8344**.

Visit Us ONLINE

Visit the Hazardville Fire Department online at **www.hazardvillefire.org** for information about our many programs and services, an up-to-date listing of events and activities, seasonal fire safety and prevention tips, a complete roster of our members, an overview of the rich history of our Department and much more!



POOL SAFETY 101: *Play it Cool and Safe*

This summer's record-high temperatures have sent many of us flocking to the pool to cool off with family and friends. While owning a pool can provide an enormous amount of fun and refreshment, it also requires a great deal of responsibility.

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that as many as 260 children under the age of five drown in residential pools and spas each year, and thousands more require emergency treatment for pool-related accidents. In some of these cases, prolonged submersion results in permanent brain damage.

To help prevent a tragedy within our community, the Hazardville Fire Department would like to share the following tips for pool safety:

- Never leave a child unsupervised by the pool. Instruct babysitters about the need for supervision.
- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision, and do not consider children "drown proof" because they have had swimming lessons.
- Completely fence the pool to limit access. Install self-closing, self-latching gates, with latches positioned out of the reach of young children. Keep doors and windows leading to the pool area secure.

- To prevent entrapment, never use a pool with the pool cover partially in place – remove it completely.
- Keep tables, chairs and other large objects away from the pool fence to prevent children from climbing over.
- Keep the pool area free of toys to prevent a child playing with them from accidentally falling in the water.
- Remove steps to above-ground pools when not in use.
- Keep a telephone by the pool to avoid leaving children unattended while you answer it and for emergency purposes.
- Learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), and keep rescue equipment by the pool.

While this is a condensed listing of pool safety tips, the CPSC offers several in-depth publications on pool safety that can be accessed online at www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/chdrown.html.

Remember, children are not the only ones at risk around the water. Hundreds of adults also drown each year in the United States. We all need to play it safe around the pool – or any body of water. Never swim alone, always using proper diving practices, do not swim after drinking alcoholic beverages, know your limitations, be ever mindful of those around you... and have fun!



CAN YOU FILL THESE BOOTS?



*Put Your Best Foot
Forward...*

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*Become a Volunteer
Firefighter!*

The Fire Departments of Enfield, which includes the Hazardville Fire Department, is always in need of courageous men and women to serve as volunteer firefighters. Volunteer firefighters are trained to work under the direction of company officers to perform rescue, fire extinguishment, ventilation, salvage, overhaul, extrication and medical-aid duties. Duties are outlined more specifically at www.hazardvillefire.org.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, please visit us online or call **(860) 749-8344**. Volunteers enjoy many rewards and incentives, the greatest of which is a sense of belonging to a brotherhood/sisterhood that is unlike anything you have ever known before.

Swinging INTO ACTION!

More than \$2,200 was raised as a result of the Hazardville Fire Department's 2010 Golf Tournament, Saturday, May 15, at Hampden Country Club. A portion of the proceeds went to the newly established Edwin A. Jarmoc Memorial Scholarship, named in memory of the beloved, longtime resident of the Hazardville community and owner of Jarmoc Farms.

A total of 47 golfers participated in the tournament and an additional nine guests joined in the fun by attending dinner. The day's winning foursome included **Keith Lawler, Kevin Cobb, Bill LaGram** and **Mike Young**, all of whom were new to the tournament this year.

Many thanks to all who supported this event. We'll look forward to seeing you all, and even more new faces, on the greens next year!



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