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OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

- 1) **Smoke Alarms** – These are still a very important addition to your home. Smoke alarms are widely available and inexpensive. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test it monthly.
- 2) **Prevent Electrical Fires** – Don't overload circuits or extension cords. Cords and wires should never be placed under rugs or in high traffic areas. Avoid loose electrical connections by checking the fit of the plug in the wall outlet. If the plug loosely fits, inspect the outlet right away. A poor connection between the plug and the outlet can cause overheating and can start a fire in minutes.
- 3) **Keep Plugs Safe** – Unplug all appliances when not in use. Follow the manufacturer's safety precautions and use your senses to spot any potential disasters. If a plug is overheating, smells strange, shorts out or sparks – the appliance should be shut off immediately, then replaced or repaired.
- 4) **Alternate Heaters** – Make sure there is ample space around any portable heating unit. Anything that could catch fire should be at least three feet away. Inspect your chimney annually and use fire screens to help keep any fires in the fireplace.
- 5) **Fire Safety Sprinklers** – When combined with working smoke alarms, home fire sprinklers greatly increase your chance of surviving a fire. Sprinklers are affordable and they can increase property value and lower insurance rates.
- 6) **Create An Escape Route** – Create and practice your escape plan with your family from every room in the house. Practice staying low to the floor and checking for hot doors using the back of your hand. It's just like a routine school fire drill – but in your home.
- 7) **Position Appliances Carefully** – Try to keep TV sets, kitchen and other appliances away from windows with curtains. If there is a wiring problem, curtains can spread a fire quickly. Additionally, keeping your appliances away from water sources (like rain coming in from windows) can help prevent wiring damage which can lead to a fire.
- 8) **Clean Dryer Vents** – Clothes dryers often start fires in residential areas. Clean the lint filter every time you start a load of clothes to dry or after the drying cycle is complete. Make sure your exhaust duct is made of metal tubing and not plastic or foil. Clean the exhaust duct with a good quality dryer vent brush to prevent

blockage & check for lint build up behind the dryer at least twice a year.

9) **Be Careful Around the Holidays** – If you fill your home with lights during the holiday season, keep them away from anything that can easily catch fire. Check all of your lights prior to stringing them up and dispose of anything with frayed or exposed wires.

10) **Conduct Regular Inspections** – Check all of your electronic equipment and wiring at least once a month. Taking a little time to do this each month can really pay off.

Information obtained from Internet

Blackville Fire Department will visit Macedonia Elementary School during the week of October 5-11, 2014 to talk to the students about fire prevention and fire safety.

NEWS FROM BLACKVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BLACKVILLE CDC HAS PARTNERED WITH OTHER NON-PROFITS:

- TO INCREASE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
- DEVELOP ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- INCREASE HOME OWNERSHIP
- FREE TAX RETURNS SERVICE
- HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER HAS SPONSORED WORKSHOPS ON

- ❖ HOW TO START A BUSINESS
- ❖ HOW TO MAKE YOUR BUSINESS LOAN READY
- ❖ LEARN MARKETING FUNDAMENTALS TO IMPROVE YOUR BUSINESS

VOLUNTEERS INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM

- ❖ FREE TAX RETURN
- ❖ WILL TRAIN VOLUNTEERS TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY BY PREPARING TAX RETURNS FOR FREE

FREE HOME OWNERSHIP SEMINAR

- ❖ IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A HOME OWNER
- ❖ NEED HOME REPAIRS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 803 284-0735

**PRE-HOMECOMING FEST
VENDORS, MUSIC, FOOD
CHEERLEADERS, BAND
GAZEBO, OCTOBER 9, 2014
6:30PM – 9:00PM**

MEETINGS

- **October 2**, Blackville Community Development Corp., Town Hall, 5:00pm
- **October 6**, Blackville Civic Club, Edwards Heating and Cooling, 7:00pm
- **October 13**, BHHS District #19, Board of Education, BHHS Cafeteria, 7:00pm
- **October 14**, Neighborhood Watch, Tabernacle Baptist, 6:00pm
- **October 14**, Barnwell County Council, Agriculture Building, 6:00pm
- **October 20**, Blackville Town Council, Community Center, 6:30pm
- **October 23**, Blackville Downtown Development Corp., Russell's, 6:00pm
- **October 27**, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, Masonic Hall, Barnwell, 7:00pm

LIBRARY NEWS

Blackville Branch Public Library
"Fall Story Time"
October 14 and October 28 @ 10:30am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jabria Isaac, October 1
Marilyn Davis, October 2
Bowman Patrick, Jr., October 3
David L. Patrick, October 4
Candice Gloster, October 7
Vivian Tobin-Alston, October 15
Perry Wallace, October 19
Mattie Felder, October 21
Quentin Blake, October 22
Hattie Mae Goodwin, October 22
Larry Patrick, October 23
Darren Curtis Patrick, October 26
Ernell Washington, October 28
Mrs. Miriam B. Kenner, October 29
Starlett Harrison, October 29
Hattie Harley, October 31

SCHOOL NEWS

MES

October 30, Awards Day
8:30 am, 1st - 3rd Grades
9:30 am, 4th - 6th Grades

BHJH

October 20, 6:00pm, PTSO/SIC
October 29, 9:30am, Awards Day

BHHS

October 20, 6:30pm, PTSO/SIC
October 29, 10:30am, Awards Day
October 10, Homecoming Parade 4:15pm
October 24, Parent Night, (HKT/BHHS) 7:30pm
October 28, In Service Day Parent Teacher, Conferences 12:00pm - 7:00pm?

LONGEST DRIVE CONTEST

October 4, 2014 – Country Club, 9:00am

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Blackville Community Center
October 31, 2014 – 5:00pm – 8:00pm
Sponsored by "Together Sisters"
"WEAR YOUR COSTUMES"

VOTER REGISTRATION

Last day to register to vote for the November 4, 2014 election is Saturday, October 4, 2014.
Registration can be completed on line by visiting web site SCVotes.org and visiting 34 Pechman Street, Barnwell, SC

BARNWELL STATE PARK

"Pumpkin Carving Contest"

Saturday, October 25, 2014- 3:00pm
Pumpkins and tools provided by Park
\$5.00 per participant
Call 803 284-2212, by October 23, 2014,
to register

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