Carise Connections

March 2017

From the Carlisle Fire Chief: Tips for Spring Fire Safety

As warmer weather approaches, and spring cleaning begins, make sure you remember these items as part of your routine.

- ⇒ Change out furnace/AC filters, clean out dryer vents and replace vent hose if needed.
- ⇒ Vacuum out all ceiling vent fans (bathrooms), and smoke detectors.
- ⇒ Change the batteries in your smoke detectors
- ⇒ Check and replace batteries in your Carbon Monoxide detector.
- ⇒ Be mindful if using household cleaners, to read the labels and make certain not to mix chemicals as they can produce dangerous vapors.
- ⇒ Make certain any items that may be disposed of are done so in the proper manner. It is unlawful to burn trash or any materials other than clean dry wood as a means of disposal.



If you would like a complimentary home safety inspection or tips on how to maintain a safe home, please feel free to contact me at <u>iholbrook@carlisleoh.org</u>. Until next time, Be Safe.



DON'T FORGET! Daylight Savings Time Begins 2 a.m. Sunday, March 12th



Property Owners Must Maintain Their Yards

Section 1466.32 Village of Carlisle Code addresses property owners responsibility to keep their property free of excess weed and grass growth. Specifically, the code states that grass, weeds or plant growth cannot be in excess of eight inches (8").



To stay compliant, you should keep your yard and vacant lots mowed to less than 8 inches. If a Code Officer finds the grass on your property to be taller than 8 inches, you will receive a

notice (once per year — either in person, in the mail or posting on the property) and will have 5 days to mow it. If you don't, a Village contractor will do the job for you — and it is not cheap. The average bill for a residential lot is \$250 — \$300, payable within 10 days. Unpaid bills will then be certified to the County Auditor and placed as an assessment against the property.

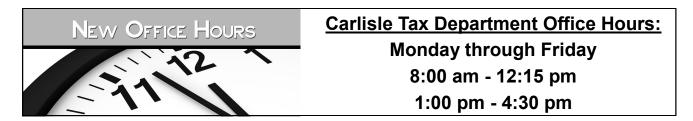
2016 Village Tax Forms Are Available on Website

April 2017						
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April 18th is just around the corner. Residents can download Carlisle Village Tax Forms from the Village website at <u>www.carlisleoh.org</u>. Need help or have tax questions? Contact the Carlisle Tax Administrator at (937) 746-0556 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Things to Remember...

- All residents 18 and over must file a Carlisle Village Income Tax form.
- Completed Village tax forms and payments are due by April 18th, 2017. All forms and payments must be postmarked by April 18th in order to avoid potential late fees.
- A copy of your Federal 1040 form <u>must</u> be included with your Village taxes.
- If you need an extension, you must file a request along with estimated tax payment with the tax office no later than April 18th.
- Village tax forms can be completed at no charge during regular business hours. Contact the Tax Administrator for more information at (937) 746-0556.
- On Friday, April 18th, the Carlisle Tax Office will be open until 6:00 pm to provide assistance to residents who need help filling out their tax forms.



Yard Waste Disposal Reminder

One of the first signs of spring in Carlisle is the annual ritual of cleaning up yards from the broken limbs and debris leftover from the fall and winter seasons. The Carlisle Fire Department wants to remind everyone that brush and yard waste are specifically prohibited from being burned within the Village of Carlisle limits. Only clean, dry seasoned fire wood is permitted to be burned. Trash, leaves, and wood that is green, treated or painted may <u>not</u> be used to either start or continue a fire.

Yard waste can be set out for collection by Rumpke each Tuesday morning. Yard waste does not have to be separated from regular garbage. However, it must be placed in a bag, can, or bundled so that it can be easily picked up by the refuse workers. Tree limbs and brush cannot exceed 2" in width and 4' in length and must be bundled or contained. All refuse containers and bundles cannot exceed 50 pounds in weight.

For additional information about approved recreational fires, please visit the village website at <u>www.carlisleoh.org</u> or contact Fire Chief Joel Holbrook at <u>jholbrook@carlisleoh.org</u>. For additional information about curbside yard waste collection, please contact the Carlisle Utility Office at (937) 746-6312.