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Firestone Adopt-a-place Program

Prairie Ridge Elementary has recently volunteered to adopt Prairie Ridge Park as well as Patterson Park. As part of their adoption duties, they will pick up litter at least four times per year, once every three months in these areas. The Town of Firestone commends Prairie Ridge Elementary for taking on this important project. If other groups or businesses are interested in Adopting-A-Place, the Town of Firestone is currently seeking a community group or business to adopt Settlers Park in Oak Meadows subdivision and many other Parks and Trail corridors in the Town's limits. Please contact Pete Ditmon, Community Resource Coordinator at 303-833-3291 x 247 or email: pditmon@ci.firestone.co.us.

Holiday Cooking Safety Tips from the Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District!

Have you ever eaten deep-fried turkey? Delicious, isn't it? Deep-fried turkey has been around for years. It's even bragged about on cooking shows on the Food Network and other cable channels. But there is a down side to all of this "turkey talk."

Turkey fryers can be extremely dangerous if not used properly. According to Underwriters Laboratories' (UL) safety experts, concerns are running high about backyard chefs sacrificing safety for good taste. Recently, there have been an increasing number of fires related to these turkey fryers. UL has performed tests on these fryers and found that the "great-tasting birds" are not worth the risk. "As a result of these tests, UL has decided not to certify any turkey fryers with our trusted UL mark", said John Drengenberg, UL consumer affairs manager.

If you absolutely must use a turkey fryer, here are some tips for safer use:

- Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors a safe distance from buildings and other materials that can burn.
- Never use turkey fryers on wooden decks or in garages.
- Use turkey fryers on a flat surface to help prevent accidental tipping.
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you are not careful, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer.
- Do not overfill the fryer. Doing so may cause the oil to catch fire from the burner.
- Lids and handles can become extremely hot. Use well-insulated pot holders or oven mitts when handling any part of the aluminum pot.
- Wear safety goggles to protect your eyes in case of oil spatter.
- Keep an ABC multi-purpose dry chemical fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire.

Follow the manufacturer's directions on proper use of the turkey fryer. For more information call the Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District. 303-833-2742.

