

# Atlantic Highlands BEACON



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## Where Did 2011 Go?

We hope you enjoyed the year as much we did. We had great events this year such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Town-Wide Garage Sale, Halloween Parade, and our Annual Holiday Celebration. In addition, our basketball, soccer, and summer recreation programs were all very successful. We had a lot of children register for each program and received many compliments by both parents and children. Once again, a BIG thank you to all those who helped us throughout the year in making our programs and events a success; specifically the Atlantic Highlands Elementary School, the Atlantic Highlands Police & Fire Departments, and the First Aid Squad. We appreciate all you do to help and support the Borough's Recreation Committee with our goal of providing activities and events to our community.

2012 looks to be a fun-filled year for us as well. The youth basketball season is underway and we have about 75 children

from the community enrolled. Their games are held on Saturday mornings at AHES gymnasium starting in January. Come by and give them a cheer!!

So what's in our planner for 2012? Among other, we are looking to hold our Easter Egg Hunt, the town wide garage sale, Summer Recreation, Youth Soccer and Basketball, Halloween Parade, Holiday Celebration, and lots of new and exciting camps and clinics through US Sports Institute.

In order for all of these programs to continue running, we need your help. Please consider volunteering your time to benefit the kids in town. Visit the home page of the Borough's website and register to volunteer. Let us know what you can do! Join us at our next monthly meeting to see what it's all about. Friday, January 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Borough Hall. For additional information please e-mail us [recreation@ahnj.com](mailto:recreation@ahnj.com) or call 732-291-1444.

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**MAYOR**

*Frederick J. Rast*

## Borough Council to Re-Organize on January 1<sup>st</sup>

The Borough Council will hold its annual Re-Organization meeting and dedication of the new Borough Hall on Sunday, January 1st at 12:00 noon in the newly remodeled Borough Hall at 100 First Ave.

N.J.S.A. 40:45A-1 requires that for Governing Bodies elected for terms of office commencing January 1, the date and time of its annual organization or reorganization meeting shall be at 12:00 Noon on January 1, or at some other hour on any day during the first week in January.

During this meeting the governing body will appoint Borough professionals like the Attorney and Shade Tree Commission members as well as administer the Oath of Office to our re-elected Mayor, Frederick J. Rast, III and re-elected Council members John Archibald and Peter Doyle, as well as other officials.

This meeting is open to the public and all are invited to also come and see our new Borough Hall.

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# Winter is Coming!

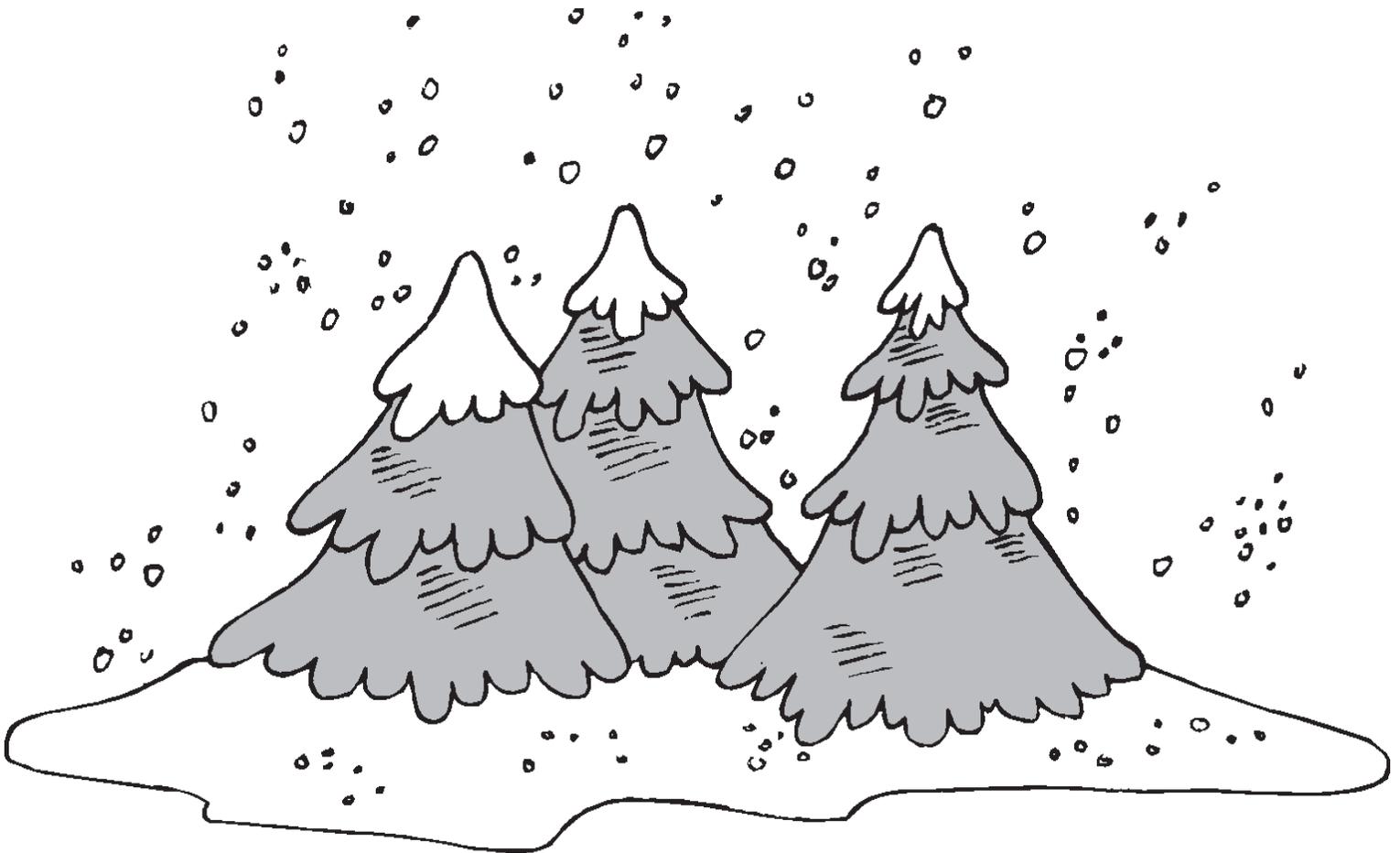
This a reminder that the owner of every lot, tract or parcel of land fronting on any street, highway or public place within the Borough of Atlantic Highlands shall, within 24 hours after the termination of a precipitation event causing the sidewalk, to be covered with snow or ice, remove, or cause to be removed, such snow or ice. Ice which is so frozen as to make removal impractical shall either be treated with rock salt or other chemicals which will thaw it sufficiently to permit removal or be thoroughly covered with sand. Failure to do so will be violation of the Borough Code and could subject you summons.

Please also be aware that shoveling snow into the street after snow plows have come by is counterproductive and dangerous as it freezes and causes clumping in the traffic path.

It would be extremely helpful if during snow events residents move as many cars off of the street as possible. The presence of cars does not allow the snow plow to plow the road curb to curb, leaving snow mounds in the street. Once your car is removed and if the plow comes down the street again, there is a possibility that you may return and find your driveway clogged again with the cleared snow. Removing cars from the street will help prevent that. Parking cars on frozen lawns, in neighbor's driveways or even public parking lots should be considered. Even coordinating with your neighbors to have everyone park on one side of the street and after the plow clears the one side, everyone move their cars to the cleared side until the plow comes again and cleans the other side.

Also remember to clean your cars before you hit the streets. In 2009, Gov. Jon Corzine signed a bill that would allow law enforcement officers to ticket motorists with dangerous amounts of snow or ice accumulated on their cars. This law is aimed at preventing ice and snow from flying off fast-moving vehicles and hitting other cars.

The officials here in Atlantic Highlands aren't out to fine residents, but instead want them to understand the need for swift, efficient removal of snow and ice for the safety of the public.



# 2012 Dog Licenses Available

NJ State law and Borough Ordinance 3-2011 require every person that owns a dog to obtain a license, for each dog, in the municipality. Most licenses in Atlantic Highlands will expire on December 31, 2011 and are due to be renewed by January 31, 2012. **Please check to see if it time for you to renew.** If you have not yet renewed your license, they are available



at Borough Hall. There will be a \$5.00 late fee assessed to each license 30 days after its expiration date. Your pet must have ten [10] months of valid rabies vaccine before a new license can be issued so check your rabies certificate [issued at time of vaccination] to be sure it does not expire before October 2012. If it does, you will need to speak to your Veterinarian about administering a new rabies shot. Application forms are available at [www.ahnj.com](http://www.ahnj.com) and can be sent through the mail if you are unable to get to Borough Hall during business hours.

**Rabies Clinic — Free Rabies Clinic will be held on Thursday, March 22nd from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Fire House on East Mount Ave.**

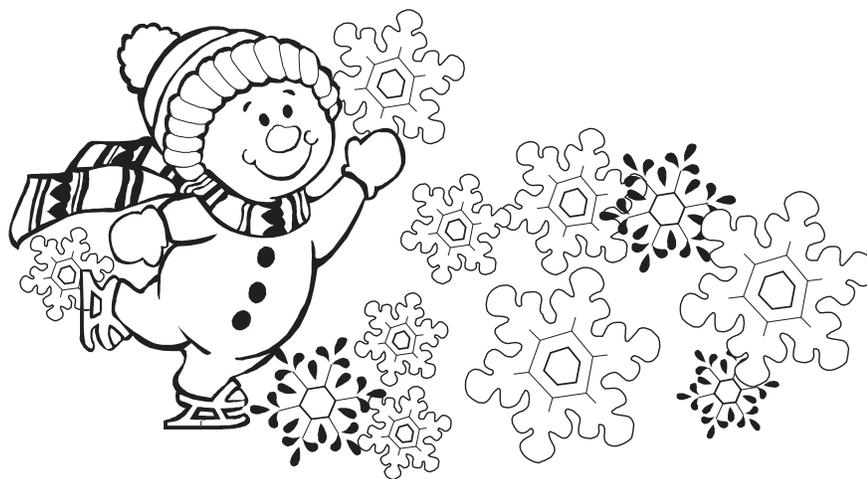
## Community Events

The Atlantic Highlands Community Events Committee\* requests proposals for consideration for the 2012 grant distributions. Please send a letter requesting an application to The Atlantic Highlands Community Events Committee; PO Box 488, Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716-0488. All applicants must be verifiable 501(c)3 organizations. Each applicant will be reviewed and evaluated on:

1. Value to Atlantic Highlands
2. The number of people it will benefit
3. The verifiable credibility of group requesting the funds
4. Proof that the project does not have any unreasonable restrictions, prejudices or political biases
5. A verifiable project plan that includes goals, objectives and a budget

The Atlantic Highlands Community Events Committee\*, conceived by Mayor Fredrick Rast III, was formed four years ago as a non-political organization whose purpose is to raise funds for community organizations that have worthwhile projects or ongoing programs that benefit Atlantic Highlands.

*\*The Atlantic Highlands Community Events Committee is a charitable organization that is not affiliated with the Governmental structure of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands.*



## Food Pantry Offers Thanks to Community

The Area Association of Community Churches, AACC Food Pantry, located in the United Methodist Church in Atlantic Highlands, would like to thank area residents and organizations for the enormous support received during the holidays, and ask that you continue that support after the holidays are over.

We greatly appreciate the help as the need for assistance has increased substantially. The Area Association of Community Churches, AACC Food Pantry helps over 300 local families, all through the year.

Thank you again for such generous support, on behalf of the volunteer staff of the AACC Food Pantry.

Sincerely,

*Mary Carhart*

AACC Food Pantry Director  
United Methodist Church  
95 Third Ave  
Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716



# Season's Greetings

THE ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS ARTS COUNCIL

2012, another great year for the arts in Atlantic Highlands!

**Don't Miss** the new "Gallery on First" – Ten Artists, all Atlantic Highlands residents, exhibit their work. Open 24/7 in the windows at 50 First Ave. (the former Arjay's Building). Thank you to Hugh Ward and Kevin O'Brien for making this beautiful space available.

**Save the dates: The second Tuesday of every month**, enjoy good music and more "Live on the Deck" at the Arts Council's free, friendly open mic at On the Deck Restaurant in the Municipal Harbor.

Sign up begins at 7 p.m., the performance starts at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, February 24** at 8 p.m., Celebrate the Tibetan New Year (Losar) An illustrated talk by Barbara Lipton, a musical performance on the singing bowls by Marco Dolce, and refreshments, a "Taste of Tibet." At the Paper Moon Puppet Theatre

**Sunday, February 26** at 2 p.m., FilmOneFest Benefit Screening. See another fabulous new feature film prior to it's US release, courtesy of Lenny Edwards of Atlantic Cinema 5 and Tom Bernard of Sony Pictures Classics

Young performers: Auditions for Sounds of the Highlands Jr. will be scheduled during January – to be informed of dates, email [atlantichighlandsartsCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:atlantichighlandsartsCouncil@gmail.com)

**Support the Arts in Atlantic Highlands** – Join the Atlantic Highlands Arts Council now! Our members are our strength – <http://www.atlantichighlandsartsCouncil.org>



**Tom Chapin**

**Sunday, March 11 at 3 pm**

at Atlantic Highlands Elementary School  
family-friendly concert sponsored by  
the Atlantic Highlands Arts Council  
<http://www.atantichighlandsartsCouncil.org>

## Christmas Tree Sale in Veteran's Park

The Atlantic Highlands Community Events Committee is proud to offer once again a community Christmas tree and décor sale. There is nothing like the scent of pine trees and garland that says "It's Holiday Time!" The sale is held at Veterans Park on First Avenue in Atlantic Highlands, across from Borough Hall in front of Wells Fargo. Sales will continue until all items are sold. Come early for best selection!

Staffed by all volunteers, the AHCEC Christmas Tree Sale will offer the following – first come, first served!

**Trees: Height 5' to 12' tall**

**Species: Douglas fir, Fraser fir, Balsam**

**Wreaths: 12", 16", 24"**

**Evergreen roping**

**Tree stands**

**Grave blankets**

**Special orders available! Order early!**

Proceeds are used in Atlantic Highlands to support community organizations and events.

Says Mayor Fred Rast: "What a great opportunity to come out and support the Atlantic Highlands Community Events Committee. This group of volunteers works very hard throughout the year to bring our residents various events such as the Mayors Ball, they decorate First Avenue at various times of the year and they coordinate events with other local non-profits."

You can purchase your Christmas tree and holiday wreaths locally and the best part is that proceeds will be used to support events right here in Atlantic Highlands.

See you at the sale!



## Important information about your cordless phone:

Between your house and the phone company's office there is a dedicated pair of copper wires for your phone. Those wires are almost always buried for protection from weather and other elements. The phone company supplies the power that your phone needs using your dedicated copper pair. So even if the power goes out in your house, the phone still gets the power it needs through the phone line. At the phone company office there is an extensive battery system, as well as a backup generator to supply power during a power failure. If the power goes out, the batteries and generators keep the office fully powered.

Therefore, all of the phones connected to the phone company offices are fully powered as well, as long as you have a corded phone.

Many of us today utilize the convenience of mobility, associated with a cordless phone. Cordless phones work off the electrical currents supplied by the power company, so if that goes out, your cordless phones will cease to operate as well.

It is essential that if you subscribe to phone services like FIOS or Comcast, that you do not permit them to remove these copper lines from your home, they are your communications back-up in case of a power outage. It is **STRONGLY** recommended as well, that you go and get a small corded phone, [available at Jaspans Hardware on First Ave for less than \$20.00] and keep it in a closet or cabinet where you will be able to access it in case the power goes out.

## An Important Reminder from the Tax and Water/Sewer Departments

With an increasingly amount of people utilizing their banks bill pay capabilities to pay their tax and or water/sewer accounts, here are a few helpful tips to keep in mind before you set up your payment.

1. Please allow a sufficient amount of time for your payment to be deducted from your account and physically mailed to the Borough of Atlantic Highlands. Payments have been known to take anywhere from 1 to 2 weeks to arrive in the office.
2. Tax payments are due on the statutory due dates of February 1st, May 1st, August 1st and November 1st. A resolution is in place to allow pay-

ments to be accepted until the 10th of the month without interest. All payments received after the 10th are considered late and will be charged interest back to the statutory due date of the 1st. If the 10th falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the grace period would extend until the next regular business day.

3. Postmarks are not accepted. The Borough must have physical custody of your tax and or water/sewer payment in order to credit your account.

*As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the tax and or water and sewer department at 732-291-3297 or 732-872-0233.*

## TRASH COLLECTION NOTICE:

**Because of the Holiday's there will be  
NO trash pick-up on  
Monday, December 26th  
or Monday, January 2nd**

Your next collection will occur on your following scheduled date.

## “I.C.E.”

### Your Cell Phone

**In Case of Emergency Phone Contacts  
Programmed into Your Cell Phone  
Make Your Cell Phone Work for You**

What do you think the first response of an emergency team is during an accident? We all know they try to save and administer aid, but they also try to identify the person. Would someone be able to identify you and locate your next of kin in the case of an emergency? Practically everyone carries cell phones now days. But how many of us have the pertinent information on them? If you were in an accident or got sick traveling, would you be able to leave a trail to contact your next of kin? Would medical personnel have the necessary information to treat you without the worry of your possibly having allergic reactions to some type of treatment. If not, it's time to get connected and ICE your cell phone now.

ICE is simply a list of contacts that alert medical and emergency personnel that these are your “In Case of Emergency Contacts.” This information entered into your cell phone can save your life and can save a lot of time in treating you in case of an emergency.

**It could save your life and notify loved ones!**

Just program your cell phone's contact list with the codeword “ICE” (In Case of Emergency):

1. Open your cell phone contact list to create a new entry.
2. Enter the word ICE with the name and number of the person you would like contacted in an emergency.
3. To list multiple contacts name the entries ICE 1, ICE 2, ICE 3.  
Examples: ICE 1-Husband-Tom  
ICE 2-Mother-Mary  
ICE 3-Son-Joe

Emergency workers look for the code word ICE when they turn on your phone.

Do yourself and your family a favor by taking the time to enter emergency information in your cell phone that could possibly save your life. Help them help you! Program your phone today!

**The purpose of this program is to assist emergency workers and first responders. All others should call 9-1-1 when encountering an emergency situation.**



# BOROUGH OF ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS

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ADAM HUBENY, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Message from the Office of Emergency Management:

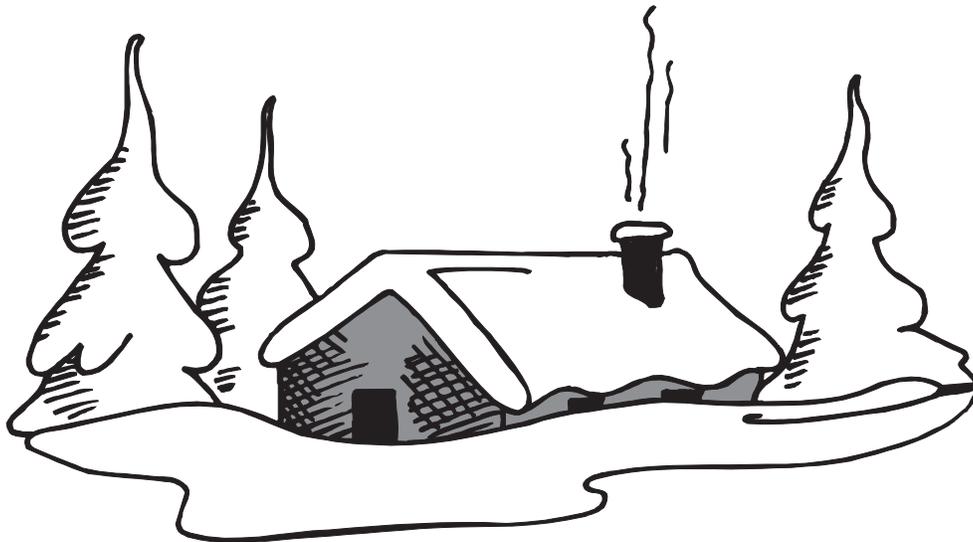
Jersey Central Power & Light Company (JCP&L) has provided the following information which is most important:

- Call 1-888-544-4877 to report an outage. You must call in order for your address to be listed as being without power.
- Unplug major appliances until after the power has been restored. Keep one light on so you know when the power has been restored.
- Avoid opening the refrigerator or freezer doors. A full freezer can keep food for up to three days if it's kept closed.
- Never use a gas stove or oven to heat your home.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Gasoline powered generators should never be run inside a home or attached garage.
- Keep a charged flashlight or fresh batteries ready and available.

Additionally, the Atlantic Highlands Office of Emergency Management recommends making plans to relocate yourself and your family if the power will be out for an extended period of time. Henry Hudson Regional School is a certified Red Cross shelter and will open "as needed." It must be noted that no pets will be allowed in the school and other arrangements must be made for your pets.

Furthermore, all medications should be taken with you if you have to leave your home for any reason. The local pharmacies can be called in case of an emergency.

If you ever need immediate assistance, please call 911 or the Atlantic Highlands Police Department at 732-291-1212.





# A Season for Sharing in Fire Safety



Each year fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of over 400 people, injure 1,650 more, and cause over \$990 million in damage. According to the United States Fire Administration (USFA), there are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday. By following some of the outlined precautionary tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.



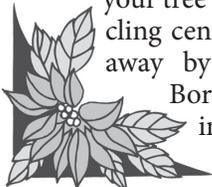
## Preventing Christmas Tree Fires

### • *Caring for Your Tree*

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

### • *Disposing of Your Tree*

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by the Borough. The Borough will begin picking up trees the week of January 9th, 2012.



## Holiday Lights

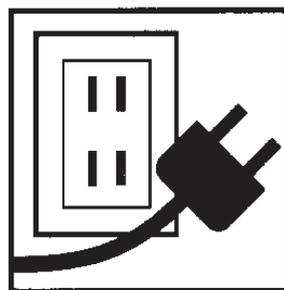
### • *Maintain Your Holiday Lights*

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

### • *Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets*

Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires — they should not be warm to the touch.

### • *Do Not Leave Holiday Lights on Unattended*



## Holiday Decorations

### • *Use Only Nonflammable Decorations*

All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.

### • *Never Put Wrapping Paper in a Fireplace*

It can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers and may result in a chimney fire.



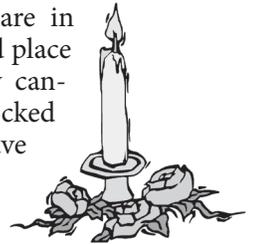
### • *Artificial Christmas Trees*

If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

## Candle Care

### • *Avoid Using Lit Candles*

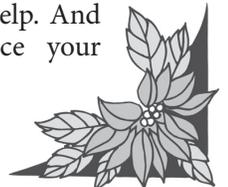
If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.



### • *Never Put Lit Candles on a Tree*

Do not go near a Christmas tree with an open flame — candles, lighters or matches.

Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan.





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## First Aid & Safety Squad

The Atlantic Highlands First Aid & Safety Squad will begin 2012 with a new lineup of officers.

The all-volunteer emergency medical services and rescue operation elected Tom Hayden to the position of chief for 2012. Hayden was captain of the organization in 2011 and is an experienced emergency medical technician.

Also elected to new positions were past captain Jerry Pandolfo, who was elected captain; Tom McKiernan, a past captain, was elected first lieutenant; and Sara

Weimer was elected second lieutenant. Lou Marotta was elected to another term as president of the organization. Ed Cetron will become vice president, Walter Curry returns as treasurer, John Ligon as secretary and Beverly Glynn as assistant secretary.

The AHFAS provides the residents of Atlantic Highlands with free, around-the-clock emergency medical services. The organization operates solely on generous donations from the borough and residents.

As always, the organization is seeking volunteers. No experience is necessary, just a desire to help friends and neighbors in need. Free training is provided. The personal benefits are endless. For information about the squad, how to become a member, or how you can help in other ways, please log onto [www.ahfirstaid.org](http://www.ahfirstaid.org) or call the squad's non-emergency number (732) 291-8118. You can also follow the squad on twitter @ahfirstaid and on Facebook.

