

THE FIREHOUSE SCENE

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Hello Fall





FROM THE CHIEFS DESK
BY FIRE CHIEF DON SHOEVLIN

Are You Ready For Some FOOTBALL?

As pre-season and high school football games have started, the pursuit to the Super Bowl is on my mind. The leaves just started to fall in my yard, and the cooler evenings with shorter days remind us that it won't be long now . . . dare I even mention it? . . . let's just say 3 months from December 25th.

Please be alert while the bikers, joggers and children are still outdoors, and the sunlight grows shorter with each fall day.

This weekend the 52nd Annual Roscoe Lions Fall Festival is taking place once again at Leland Park. With carnival rides, entertainment, and tons of local vendors, be sure to stop by our booth and enjoy some fresh local grown hot buttered corn on the cob. We will also be selling lemonade, iced tea, and coffee. If you purchase a Harlem Roscoe Fire souvenir cup (while supplies last) with your beverage, we will refill it free all weekend long. Don't forget to purchase your raffle ticket from one of our firefighters and you do not need to be present to win as we announce them on Sunday night.

My favorite part of the Fall Festival is when you stop by just to say a quick Hi and pick up one of the many giveaways we have for you. Our firefighters and myself, are always eager to visit and say Thank You for supporting us over the years.

The Fall Festival parade happens to fall on the 21st Anniversary of 9/11. We are proud to lead the parade in honor of that day. The tragic events that happened were senseless and it cost the lives of many. We pledged that we will "Never Forget", as we renew our promise each year by remembering those with the firefighter's prayer:

The Firefighter's Prayer

When I'm called to duty, God, wherever flames may rage; Give me strength to save some life, whatever be its age. Help me embrace a little child before it is too late or save an older person from the horror of that fate. Enable me to be alert and to hear the weakest shout, and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out. I want to fill my calling to give the best in me, to guard my every neighbor and protect their property. And if, according to my fate, I am to lose my life; Please Bless with your protecting hand my children and my wife.



Then further into fall, we will hold our annual Fire Prevention Open House. Save the date for Saturday, Oct 15th at Harlem Roscoe Fire Station #1 on Main Street in Roscoe. You won't want to miss the opportunity to tour our fire station, see our equipment, take part in live fire extinguisher demonstrations, and climb through our smoke house. Plenty of activities for the whole family, both young and old alike.

Now on to the final part of my "HRFD Then, Now, What's Next!"

What's Next:

* Finding Harlem Roscoe **Fire Chief #9!**

Yes, if you have not heard the news, I will be retiring at the end of 2022. So, the process of finding my replacement has begun.

* Harlem Roscoe Fire Station #4? Is there a need? How could this impact you? Where?

* Consistently working through the challenges of a growing district. The impacts it will have on staffing, recruitment, retention, and an increase demand for our services.

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No matter the challenges of our future, in our fire district, we will always look at these challenges as opportunities while still maintaining, being directed, and being driven by our mission statement:

“We provide the highest standard of service to the community through prevention, training, education, and emergency services. Our purpose is to save lives, reduce injuries, and protect property. OUR VISION of being a progressive fire department providing a professional level of service utilizing our core values.”

Courage - Do what is right the first time. Duty to act decisively and unselfishly.

Compassion - Caring is a part of our job. We are empathetic to the community in their time of need.

Integrity - We are honest, accountable, and professional.

Diversity - We respect the different identities, experiences, and perspectives of those we work with and the community we serve.

Teamwork - Members support and depend on each other to achieve our goals: Duty, Pride, and Tradition.

Community - We will be responsible to serve the needs of our community.

Lastly, we must not lose sight of our purpose of meeting the needs and expectations of the people we serve.

In a Nutshell

In our 82-year history, the Harlem Roscoe Fire Protection District has established itself as one of the finest most innovative and self-contained fire departments in Northern Illinois.

We are highly looked upon by others as being a proactive, teaching department with high expectations of performance. This is evident with being the first in the region to have volunteer paramedics, Jaws of Life, thermal imaging, preemptors, staffing models, computer mapping, training facilities, dedicated personnel to training, and self-dispatching just to name a few.

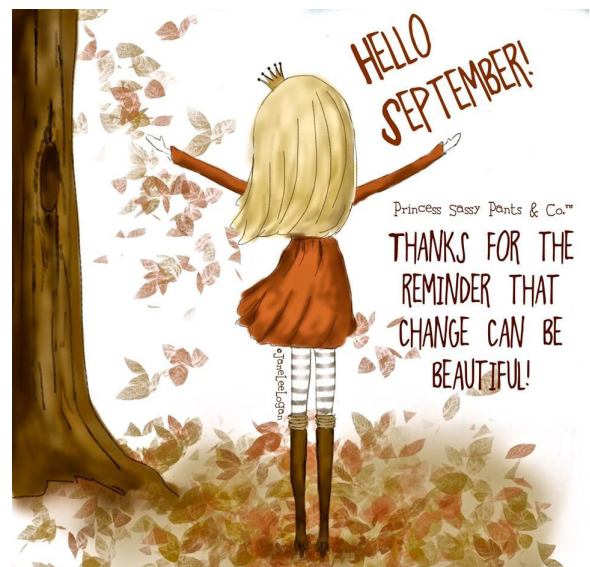
While there have been only 8 fire chiefs during this time, each one of us has left their mark in some way to improve our service to you.

During my 15 years as your Fire Chief, all 3 fire stations have been remodeled to accommodate the need for independent sleeping quarters and restrooms, improved all energy efficiency throughout the buildings, updated technology on an ongoing basis and enlarged our training facilities to accommodate our fire personals constant everchanging needs. Our fleet has grown to 26 pieces of equipment and our personnel staffing has enlarged to accommodate the daily demands. Our budget has increased as development of our district has but just as quickly our expenses have grown too.

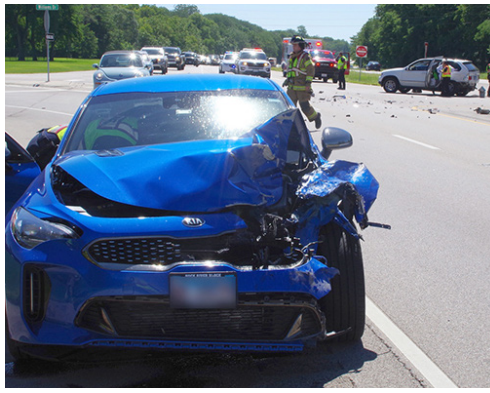
Over the years, one of my most passionate endeavors has got to be our training. Every person who walks through these doors to join our team will receive some of the highest levels of training around. The possibilities remain endless at HRFD.

Our history has been built as will our future with a strong vision and drive, to provide the best opportunity for our members to do their job proficiently, efficiently, and safely while maintaining fiscal responsibility to our customers who are the people in the communities we serve. Your continuous and generous support is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. Please remember we do not solicit for donations. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me, this is your fire department. Don't forget to keep up on the progress of your fire department by visiting our website. www.harlemroscoefire.org. You can also find us on Facebook so go-ahead friend, like and follow us.

Stay safe and enjoy the upcoming fall season,
Chief Shoevlin



ACCIDENTS PHOTOS BY SHERYL DROST & BC TROLLOP



08/31/22 Hwy 251 & McCurry

09/04/22 Ventura Blvd

One vehicle traveled off road into a garage, backed up, and then traveled through yards and down a steep bank to the Rock River. Firefighters in the boat checked the front of the vehicle that was in the water to see if any fluids were leaking into the river. No one was transported to the hospital.



Out in the Community



ROSCOE PTO Back to School Extravaganza



Beloit Sky Carp Game Family Outing



Jaime Cox Memorial Ride



Michael Dunn poses with DC John Bergeron after bringing in some cookies in appreciation for the Paramedics help in his medical emergency last month.

HARVEST MOON



The Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the autumn equinox. The next full moon peaks on Saturday, Sept. 10 in the sky beginning on Friday (Sept. 9) and into Sunday (Sept. 11) as well.

After four supermoons in a row, September's full moon will be back to a regular full moon. The Sturgeon Moon in August was the last supermoon for 2022.

September's full moon has been called by its Old European name, the Harvest Moon, since at least 1706, according to NASA. This is the closest full moon to the autumnal equinox, when many crops are harvested in the Northern Hemisphere; additionally, some farmers have historically used the full moon's light to work late into the night harvesting their crops, NASA added.

The moon goes by several non-European names, as well. Best known among them is the Corn Moon, coined by the Algonquin tribes who inhabited what is now the northeastern United States and southeastern Canada. The Maine Farmers' Almanac, which began publishing Native American moon names in the 1930s, notes that the Corn Moon rises during the part of the year when corn, pumpkins, squash and various other fall staples are harvested.

2022 Final Full Moons

September 10	Harvest Moon
October 9	Hunter's Moon
November 8	Beaver Moon
December 7	Cold Moon

SEPTEMBER FOLKLORE

- Heavy September rains bring drought.
- September dries up ditches or breaks down bridges.
- September blow soft, till the fruit's in the loft.
- Married in September's golden glow, smooth and serene your life will go.
- If the storms of September clear off warm, the storms of the following winter will be warm.
- Fair on September 1st, fair for the month.



BUILDING A LASTING LEGACY THROUGH PREPAREDNESS

September is National Preparedness Month. The life you've built is worth protecting and being prepared for disasters will help you create a lasting legacy for you and your family.

Disasters and emergencies can happen at any time. Therefore, it's important to start preparing today. Focus on doing one or two small things each week or month. Just knowing which types of disasters could affect you and how to respond helps you to be prepared. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes. Consider, how will you contact each another and reconnect? How will your home, goods, and assets be protected?

What we prepare for today ensures we will have many tomorrows—a legacy to look back on. Learn a Lifesaving Skill that Will Last a Lifetime! Having life-saving skills can make all the difference in saving a life and reducing panic in an emergency.

Basic life-saving skills are easy to acquire, and you do not need to be a qualified medical or emergency response professional to achieve them. These include basic first aid techniques which come in handy in the face of a life-threatening event.

Everyone is encouraged to know lifesaving skills that you can use to help friends, family or bystanders until first responders arrive.

Here are some important life saving skills everyone should know and practice:

- Learn First Aid and CPR
- Learn to Use a Fire Extinguisher
- Know How to Shut Off Utilities including Natural Gas, Water, and Electricity
- Install smoke, carbon monoxide, and natural gas alarms and test them monthly.
- Talk to your landlord or building manager about evacuation routes and fire safety.

Remember, disasters don't plan ahead, but you can!

Station Funny



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Roscoe Fall Festival Leland Park Fri. Sept. 9th - Sun. Sept. 11th



CORN ON THE COB
1 FOR **\$3.00** 2 FOR **\$5.00**

Drinks



Tumbler - \$10
Free refills

**ICED TEA, LEMONADE, COFFEE
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Harlem-Roscoe Firefighters Association

RAFFLE DRAWING



1st Prize - Recteq Smoker w/cover,
bag of pellets, and \$100 Main St. Meats gift card.

2nd Prize - Recteq 45 Qt. Cooler

3rd Prize - \$100 Visa Gift Card



Come see us at our tent!!

7 WAYS TO CELEBRATE SEPTEMBER BIG ADVENTURES YOUR FAMILY WILL THANK YOU FOR LATER

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<https://www.highlights.com/parents/family-activities/what-to-do-in-september>

1. Explore something.

Got a sleuth in the house? Grab a sweater, head outdoors, and let the little nature lover have fun getting up close and personal with all the different trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, and woody plants in your area. Do it now, in the fall, when the air is brisk, the leaves are turning colors, and the neighborhood trees look super pretty.

Help your child gather leaves, flower petals, and samples of tree bark. Spread them out on the ground and take plenty of pictures—or take them home for further study. Identify trees by the texture and color of the bark, the shape of the trees, and the leaves' size, shape, color, and other features. Create a guide to area trees as you learn more about them. Introduce your child to terms like evergreen, deciduous, and arborist—neat vocabulary words for little learners.

2. Celebrate something.

On Sunday, September 13, set aside time to call, visit, or Skype Grandma and Grandpa. It's National Grandparents Day—a perfect time to honor the people who would go to the moon and back for your cuties. Help older kids bake a cake, or cupcakes, to commemorate the occasion. Or just let your family hang out and do whatever they like to do together: read a book, take a walk, watch a movie. Sleepovers work too. Grandparents are known to bend the rules (Bedtime? What bedtime?), so relax your standards for a couple of hours. If there's time, urge your kids to connect with another elderly relative or a neighbor who needs a visit. They can exchange ideas, listen, and demonstrate empathy.

3. Discover something.

Treat your child to a rock-solid experience this month. Give him a taste of an Indiana Jones-style adventure. Hand over a pail and shovel on Collect Rocks Day, Wednesday, September 16, and let your child get to know the ground beneath his feet—before winter sets in and frost or snow blankets the area. There's an exciting world down there, with tons of rocks and pebbles, along with worms, beetles, grubs, plant roots, snakes, insects, and spiders.

And here's the thing: all this digging can make your child smarter. He can wow others with his knowledge of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks as he learns how to identify them. If worms and other moving things are more exciting, he can capture and store them temporarily in glass jars with holes in the lids. Help him return all life-forms to their environment when he's done exploring.

4. Swing at something.

Squeeze in one last game of golf—mini golf, that is—before your local course shuts down for the season.

Why golf? Because it's a great way for kids to work on physical and social skills, including hand-eye coordination, taking turns, and patience! Visit a local course on Miniature Golf Day on September 21, and if the game's a hit, try a mini-golf club crawl next weekend.

Or try foot golf. No kidding. Check it out. It's a lot like golf and a little like soccer. It's perfect for an autumn day and it is the hot sport that you're going to love but didn't know you were missing. Kid-and-parent pairs of varying skills and ages can play this together on a formal foot-golf course. Or try a friendly round of at home, adapted for your space, and wear anything you want to be comfortable.

5. Practice something.

Archery is a crazy-awesome activity for kids and parents, and fall is the perfect time of year to hone your skills with bows and arrows.

Archery is fun, safe (with supervision), and inexpensive, and participation pays off big time—physically, socially, and academically. Archery builds skills, confidence, discipline, and awareness, as well as core strength, balance, hand-eye coordination, and stability. Sounds good, doesn't it? You probably remember archery from

The Hunger Games, The Hobbit, or Robin Hood. (The latter also happens to be a pretty good adventure story to read together, as a family, afterward.)

6. Learn something.

You may not think about American history all that much. But you can change that (and teach your kid a thing or two or three) on Thursday, September 17. That's because the 17th is Citizenship Day and Constitution Day. Both are official U.S. holidays that are super important, but they're often overlooked and underrated.

Now you have twice the incentive to turn yourself and your kid into American history wizards. Try these stand-out facts about the U.S. Constitution to get started.

Did you know that:

- The signers were all born in the United States or were naturalized citizens.
- The document was penned in Philadelphia, in secret, behind locked doors in the same location where the Declaration of Independence was signed.
- And get this: two of the most famous Founding Fathers didn't even sign the Constitution. Thomas Jefferson was in France, and John Adams was in Great Britain!
- Benjamin Franklin, 81, was the oldest delegate at the Constitutional Convention and Jonathon Dayton, 26, was the youngest.
- The original document is on display at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., but when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, it was moved to Fort Knox for safekeeping.

7. Lose something.

Like your way. In a maze. Really. It's tons of fun and it could be the coolest thing you do all season. With luck—and legwork—you may be able to find a maze close by that's well designed and large enough (two miles or more) to keep highly energetic kids busy for several hours. Depending on where you live, you also may be able to find one that suits your family's needs: not too scary, not too childish. Are there maps or aerial photos to help you navigate? Check trail conditions before you go. Ask what happens if you get lost. If you have young kids, make sure the maze you have in mind is stroller friendly.



Escape Planning

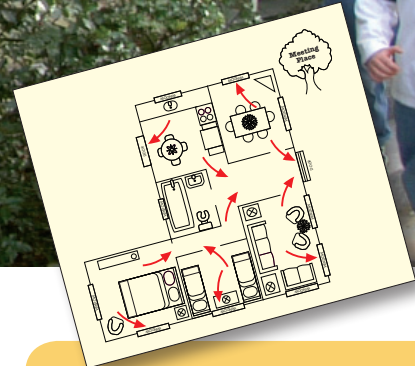
Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

SAFETY TIPS

- MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- PRACTISE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- PRACTISE using different ways out.
- TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
- CALL the fire department from outside your home.



FACTS

- ! A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- ! According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practised a home fire escape plan.
- ! While **71%** of people have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practised it.
- ! **One-third** of people who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



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Congratulations



*Brandon & Britnee Sherbon
August 19, 2022*



*Andrew & Breanna Wiechman
August 20, 2022*

hAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

12th Bart Munger
13th Marty Green
13th Joe Koeninger
24th Kevin Briggs
28th Paul Meyers
30th Kevin Raymer

OCTOBER

2nd Gus Larson
2nd Jason Street
13th Ryan Messinger
13th Hannah Carlson
14th Kelly Huddleston
25th Jim Purpura
26th Tom Aaker
29th Sue Null '80th'

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EMT-B EMT-P FIREFIGHTER

HRFD is currently accepting applications for part time EMT-B or EMT-P and Firefighters.

Are you a caring individual looking for an opportunity to grow in the public safety world? Are you a person looking for challenges and working with a superb group of individuals as indicated above? If you are, then we are looking for you.

Applications may be filled out online at our web site or picked up at Station #1 which is located at 10544 Main Street in Roscoe.

Any questions should be directed to the Chief or Deputy Chief of the Harlem-Roscoe Fire Department at 815-623-7867

EMERGENCY