We hope you will enjoy living in Litchfield Country Club as much as we do!

Membership in our Litchfield Country Club Property Owners Association (LCCPOA) is VOLUNTARY. We are not a “gated community”. All the streets are “public”. There is no “common property, no assessments”. There are MANY benefits with POA membership.

POA Members can buy Spectrum Cable TV and Internet Service at deep discounts. Weekly trash pickup is also available through the POA at a huge discount. Deeply discounted recycling service is also available to POA members. POA members can participate in **any**, **or all**, of the program services.

The deep discounts are made possible by the POA contracting “in bulk” for each service. Each program is an ANNUAL participation, administered on calendar year. Enrollment period is in the fall of each year for the following year.

NOTE….Upon sale of an LCC residence, POA current year membership, and time remaining on paid current year participations in any of the 3 discount programs, can be transferred to a buyer of a residence pursuant to an agreement between seller and buyer. Buyer is responsible for notifying the POA office upon closing and providing buyer contact information. Contact Pat at Smith-Sapp CPAs, our management firm. Email Pat or call (843) 839-4362.

Please consider becoming a POA Member. At $65 per year per residence, it’s the best bargain around!

Thank you, from the LCC Board of Directors

Dear New Resident,

WELCOME TO LITCHFIELD COUNTRY CLUB! We are pleased that you have chosen this as your new home and community.

Litchfield Country Club was developed on the site of what was once one of the largest rice plantations on the Waccamaw Neck. It now offers many activities to residents in and around Pawleys Island.

The 18-hole golf course, designed by Willard Byrd, was completed in 1966. It is nestled among giant live oaks that date back to the early 18th century. The course features narrow fairways, many doglegs, and well-protected greens that offer a challenging and enjoyable golfing experience.
Litchfield Country Club has recently received the distinction of the Myrtle Beach Area Golf Course Owners Association "Golf Course of the Year" in 2016.

If you are interested in playing Litchfield Country Club, please call our Golf Shop at 843-237-3411 Ext 1. Our professional Golf Shop staff can tell you about our LCC Club Membership, our Prime Times Honors Club Program, and our Prime Times Signature Card. (We have included Membership and Prime Times / Honors Club brochures to give you an overview of our programs and the access it gives you to 21 of Myrtle Beach's premier signature courses.)

The Litchfield Clubhouse hosts a dinner every Friday night which you can dine in or pick it up curbside. Each week has a special menu with amazing portions and happy hour pricing at the bar. Contact Jodi Cotten at jodi.cotten@foundersgolf.com to receive the weekly menus. Speaking of happy hour, we now offer happy hour pricing each day from 4pm-7pm. You are invited to bring your friends to Happy Hour and to our dinners as well.

We would also like to invite you and your guests to join us each week for our Sunday Brunch. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 843-237-3411 Ext 5. We encourage you to check out our special brunches on Easter, Mother's Day and Thanksgiving as well. The Litchfield Clubhouse is also a popular venue for social occasions such as weddings, receptions, anniversary parties, Holiday gatherings, and other private celebrations. Let us know how we can assist you with any of your upcoming events.

We hope you enjoy your new home here in Litchfield Country Club. If you have any questions about our facilities, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Steve Shaffer
General Manager / Head Golf Professional
Litchfield Country Club
843-237-3411 Ext. 3
steve.shaffer@foundersgolf.com

Litchfield Country Club Property Owners Association, Inc
{LCCPOA)

SPECTRUM CABLE TV DISCOUNT PLAN

Your LCCPOA offers members a Spectrum TV/Internet Discount Program which currently provides more than 400 of our POA Members with huge savings on Cable TV and Internet Access. The program operates on an annual, calendar year, basis. Annual enrollment periods are in the fall of each year. The program requires an up-front payment for the yearly subscription, which is not cancellable or refundable.

The package includes:

- An expanded list of TV Channels (Click SAVINGS FOR MEMBERS button).
- 2 Set Top Converter Boxes (if needed) to provide HD TV.
- Internet access with speeds up to 500 mbps.

Current annual cost is $618.

You MUST be an LCCPOA Member to participate.

Telephone, cell phone, premium sports, premium movie channels
or home security, may be added for an additional charge
(billed monthly directly by Spectrum).

DISCOUNTED TRASH REMOVAL

The LCC POA has an agreement with Bill Floyd Services, Inc. (BFS) to provide deeply DISCOUNTED trash removal services to POA Members.

More than 230 of your LCC neighbors currently enjoy the deep discounts provided by the trash collection program. Participation is ANNUAL and is CALENDAR YEAR. Annual enrollment period is in the fall of each year for the succeeding year.

PROGRAM OUTLINE:

- Pickups once weekly on Mondays including holidays except Christmas and New Years
- One new, free 95 gallon 2-wheeled bin provided.
- Extra bags/ boxes, etc. left out by trash bins will be picked up (within reason).
- Areas around containers will be free of loose garbage after each pick-up.
- BFS has agreed to require their trucks to observe our neighborhood speed limit.
- No yard debris or Christmas trees.

ELIGIBILITY:

- **YOU MUST BE AN LCC RESIDENT AND A CURRENT LCC POA MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE.**
- Payment for trash removal service is **ONCE** annually **to the POA.** Payment may be check or cash. Current annual cost is $184.

Contact BFS directly at (843) 546-4739. New POA Member Residents may contract with BFS directly for service the remainder of the current calendar year at BFS prevailing rates pending the next enrollment period.

If you have any questions, email LCCPOA@litchfieldpoa.com

DISCOUNTED RECYCLING SERVICE

Tired of driving to the recycling center and having to separate recyclable items? Your LCC POA offers deeply discounted, bi-weekly, commingled curbside recycling pickups on alternate Mondays.

Participation is annual by calendar year. Enrollment periods are in the fall of each year for the succeeding year. Current cost is $184 annually.

DETAILS:

BFS is our provider. Subscribers will be provided an BFS 95-gallon, covered recycling roll container.

- Containers are emptied every other week on Mondays.
- Routes disrupted by holiday Mondays will be made up the following day.
- All containers must be rolled to the curb by 6am on Mondays.
- Plastic, metal, glass, paper and cardboard all go into the same container.
- Household garbage, paint, paint cans, yard waste, tires and hot ashes are not acceptable.
- Recyclable material, including reasonable bagged material next to bins, will be removed at each pickup.
- BFS will comply with all posted LCC speed limits.
- If a subscribing LCC POA member sells a residence during a prepaid period year, a new resident may assume the remainder of the prepaid service year pursuant to an agreement between seller and buyer.

If you have any questions, email LCCPOA@litchfieldpoa.com

Litchfield Ladies' Luncheon Club

Your new neighbors want to invite you to lunch!

With over 50 active members, the Litchfield Ladies Club has become an integral part of the community. The group meets at noon at various Pawleys Island venues on the second Monday of each month. Members support various local charities and assist with community projects.

Membership is simple: the only requirement is that the member is a resident or friend of the Litchfield Country Club community. Invite a friend or neighbor and join us for the next luncheon!

Upon your first visit, you will be added to our email list for future luncheons. For more information, or to make reservations, please contact:

Chairperson Sallie Anderson, call (843)237-9943 or email sallie361@msn.com.
Member Janice Anglemyer, text or call (614)361-0201

LOCAL CHURCHES

The Abbey at Pawleys Island
46 Gathering Lane
Carriage House, Litchfield Plantation, Kings River Rd, Pl 843-314-0277
Sunday 8:00 AM Worship Service
Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Service

ALL Saints Church
3560 Kings River Road, Pl 843-237-8524
Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Communion Small Sanctuary
Sunday 10:30 AM Holy Communion Large Sanctuary

Christ The King Grace Church
9630 Ocean Hwy, Pl 843-237-7475
Sunday 9:00AM l5[1]
Rite Sunday 10:45 2nd
Rite

Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church
Baskerville Dr, Pl 843-237-3459
Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Pawleys Island Presbyterian Church
9967 Ocean Hwy, Pl 843-237-4581
Sunday 8:45 AM Worship Service
Sunday 10:00 Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service

Precious Blood Catholic Church
1633 Waverly Rd, Pl 843- 237-3428
Daily Mass M-F 8:30 AM
Saturday Mass 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

St. Paul's Waccamaw United Methodist
180 St. Paul's Place, Pl 843-237-2294
Sunday 8:45 Traditional Service
Sunday 11:00 Traditional Se r vice

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
65 Crooked Oak Dr, Pl 843-237-2795
Sunday 8:15 AM
Sunday 10:30 AM

Pawleys Island Community Church
10304 Ocean Hwy, Pl 843-237-4449
Sunday Serv ice 10:30

Area Information

Web Directory	www.	843 -
Brookgreen Gardens	Brookgreen.org (800.849.1931)	235.6000
Chamber of Commerce, Gtn Co	HammockCoast.com (800.777.7705)	546.8436
Chamber of Commerce, Conway	ConwaySCChambe.rcom	248.2273
Coastal Carolina University	Coastal.edu/culturalarts	349.2787
Cultural Council Gtn Co	CulturalCouncilofGeorgetown.com	520.0744
Freewoods Farm	FreewoodsFarm.com	650.9139
Georgetown Business Association	SeaportGeorgetown.com	
Georgetown County Museum	GeorgetownCountyMuseum.com	545.7020
Georgetown County Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services	GTCounty.org	545.9451
Georgetown Library System	GeorgetownCountylibrary.sc.gov	545.3300
Hampton Plantation	SouthCarolinaParks.com	546.9361
Hobcaw Barony	HobcawBarony.org	546.4623
Hopsewee Plantation	Hopsewee.com	546.7891
Horry County Museum	HorryCountyMuseum .org	915.5320
Huntington Beach State Park	SouthCarolinaParks.com	235.8375
Kaminski House Museum	KaminskiMuseum.org	546.7706
The Moveable Feast	ClassAtPawleys.com	235.9600
McClellanville Arts Center	McClellanvilleArtsCouncil.com	887.3157
Murrells Inlet 2020	MurrellslnletSC .com	357.2007
Myrtle Beach State Park	MyrtleBeachSP.com	238.0874
North lnlet-WinyahBay NERR	N 01thlnlet.sc.edu/discovery	546.6219
National Estuarine Research Reserve		904.9016
OLLI (Osher Lifelong Leaming)	Coastal.edu/olli	349.6584
Pawleys Island Festival of Music & Art	PawleysMusic.com	
SC Maritime Museum	SCMaritimeMuseum.org	520.0111
Sewee Visitor Center	SeweeCenter.fws.gov	928.3368
Waccamaw Neck Branch Library	TheFOWL.org	545.3623
Wheelwright Auditorium	Coastal.edu/wheelwright	349.2787

Sheriff Contact Info (GCSO - Georgetown County Sheriff Office)

The LCC neighborhood is in “District #3”. The officer who oversees the LCC neighborhood is:

Lt Joseph Kosydar

Office Main Telephone: 843 546 5102

Office Direct Telephone: 843 436 6051

Cell Telephone: 843 833 3303

Email: <jkosydar@gtcounty.org>

Litchfield Country Club Deed Covenants

As the Litchfield Golf Company, Inc., the developer of Litchfield Country Club (LCC), sold lots in the development, beginning circa 1965, included in each deed were covenants and restrictions ("Covenants"), which are listed below. These Covenants "run with the land" and pass to each succeeding deed to the present day.

In 2002, The Litchfield Golf Company, Inc., assigned all its rights under the Covenants to the Litchfield Country Club Property Owners Association, Inc. (LCCPOA), except for number #13, which was later terminated (see note below). Litchfield Golf also sold the real property it owned, including the LCC golf course and Clubhouse, to Myrtle Beach National which later sold in 2015 to Founders Group, the current owner.

All LCC residential lots are subject to the LCC deed covenants. Subjugation of LCC property to the deed covenants is not affected at all by LCCPOA membership. Original deeds for each lot in LCC may be viewed at the Georgetown County Register of Deeds Office.

Deed covenants are made part of a property deed by a seller (Grantor) when land is sold. The covenants then are passed along to succeeding deeds making each deed likewise subject to the original covenants. Covenants are an agreement between a seller (Grantor), which initially includes covenants as part of a conveyance, and the buyer (Grantee), which agrees to them as part of a conveyance. It is like a contract which can be modified only by UNANIMOUS consent of all the parties to the contract. Therefore, it would be almost impossible to change or modify the LCC Deed covenants.

LCCPOA is a voluntary membership property owners association (POA), not a homeowners association (HOA), where membership derives from a master set of covenants, conditions and restrictions (CCRs), or with condominiums as in a "horizontal property regime" (where units are individually owned but the building is common property). A CCR HOA community typically has private streets, owned by the HOA, owns and maintains common property, and has MANDATORY MEMBERSHIP. In an HOA, adherence to rules is mandatory and the governing body (board) can assess fines for rule violations, which if unpaid, become a lien. Most significantly, the board can CHANGE its rules from time to time to reflect changing times, needs, interpretations, and circumstances.

In contrast, LCC does NOT have an HOA. All the LCC streets are public streets, owned and maintained by either SC DOT or Georgetown County. LCCPOA does not own any property. LCCPOA is NOT a governing body for LCC. It is merely a corporation providing a framework for an association of member/residents. LCCPOA has NO authority to make rules or to enforce them, outside of enforcement of the Covenants. LCCPOA cannot assess, fine, or attach a lien to any property. LCCPOA is NOT the community police, nor is it a mediator or arbiter of disagreements between/among neighbors. LCCPOA can encourage and work with property owners to try to get compliance with the Covenants, but the ONLY way LCCPOA can "enforce" the Covenants is to file a lawsuit in court seeking a judicial order. The bottom line is that an HOA exists to control its members, whereas a POA exists to benefit its members.

Lastly, please keep in mind that just because we consider something undesirable does not necessarily translate into our having the means to curtail or stop it.

Item 1. This lot shall be restricted to residential purposes only and shall not be divided or reduced in size by the Grantee, his heirs, successors, or assigns without the prior written consent of the Grantor, its successors, or assigns. No additional streets, roadways, or driveways shall be opened through any lot to serve adjoining property.

Item 2. No structure shall be erected on this lot other than a detached single-family dwelling not to exceed two stories in height with attached or detached garage and/or servants' quarters of similar design and appearance.

Item 3. No concrete blocks either in building or walls except decorative screen blocks shall be used above finished ground elevations unless same are covered with brick veneer, stone, or stucco.

Item 4. No fence, wall, hedge, or mass planting shall be permitted to extend beyond the minimum building set back from the rear line established herein or within forty (40) feet of any golf course property line except upon written approval of the Grantor herein.

Item 5. No noxious or offensive activities shall be carried on or permitted upon this lot nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood or the golf course. No hogs, goats, poultry, cows, horses, or other animals which shall constitute a nuisance or cause unsanitary conditions or an undesirable situation to any property shall be boarded, maintained, or kept on this lot.

Item 6. No temporary structures including house trailers, tents, shacks, barns, shell type or prefabricated home, or garage apartment shall be erected upon any lot.

Item 7. No individual sewage disposal system or individual water supply system shall be permitted on this lot unless said system is designed, located, and constructed in accordance with the requirements of the State Board of Health and the Georgetown County Health Department.

Item 8. No residence constructed on this lot, including porches or projections shall be erected less than thirty (30) feet from the front lot line, nor forty (40) feet from the rear line. No residence shall be located less than thirty (30) feet from the side street line nor less than fifteen (15) feet from the side lot line, except in the event two lots are purchased for the purpose of erecting thereon one-single family dwelling. The dividing line between said lots shall not be considered as a sideline.

Item 9. The residence to be erected on said lot should contain not less than 1200 square feet of heated living space. Any residence which exceeds one story shall have not less than 900 square feet on the ground floor and shall be a permanent design, shall have a fire-resistant roof, and the exterior thereof shall be furnished in and decorated in an attractive manner. No building or fence shall be erected on the lot until the location and exterior plans thereof shall have been submitted to and approved by the Grantor herein in advance of construction and its consent will be given only if the location, construction, and appearance of the building and/or fence meets with its approval.

Item 10. No firearms of any variety shall be discharged upon said lot.

Item 11. No business activity including a rooming house, boarding house, a gift, or antique shop or the like or any trade of any kind whatsoever shall be carried on upon this lot.

Item 12. An easement is reserved to the Grantor, its successors or assigns in, upon and across ten (10) feet along each sideline and across the rear line for utility installation, utility right of way and maintenance thereof. The right is also reserved by the Grantor to prepare sloping banks, cut or fill, on a three to one slope on all streets and roads.

Item 13. Prior to agreeing to convey or alienate this lot the Grantee herein agrees to give the Grantor, its heirs, or assigns, a twenty (20) day written option to repurchase this lot at a price equal to the bona fide offer which he shall be receiving from the perspective purchaser. The written option must include the name and address of the prospective purchaser together with his written offer to the Grantee herein. In the event the Grantee herein conveys this lot without compliance with this restriction Litchfield Golf Co., Inc. shall have the right at any time within three (3) months after receiving actual notice of said sale to tender an amount equal to the price received by the Grantee herein and demand from the then title holder the conveyance of this lot to Litchfield Golf Co., Inc. its successors and assigns.

In 2003 Number 13 of the above restrictions was assigned by the Litchfield Golf Company to the Litchfield Company of South Carolina Limited Partnership, a South Carolina Limited Partnership ("The Litchfield Company"). In 2020 the successor to the Litchfield Company terminated it.

Item 14. Adequate off-street parking shall be provided by the Grantee herein for the parking of automobiles or other vehicles owned by said Grantee and said grantee agrees not to park his automobile or other vehicle on the streets of the subdivision.

Item 15. The Grantee herein agrees to extend to any and all golfers, lawfully using the golf course, the courtesy of allowing such golfer to retrieve any and all errant golf balls which have taken refuge on said lot provided such golf ball may be retrieved without damaging the property of the Grantee herein.

Item 16. No boats canoes or rafts shall be used upon any pond or lake unless the Grantor first gives its written permission. The Grantee herein or his guests shall have no right to use the lakes within the golf course property proper or other facilities of the Grantor unless said Grantee is a member in good standing of the Litchfield Golf Club.

Item 17. No person whomsoever shall traverse any of the fairways or greens of the golf course on any vehicle, bicycle, or any other vehicle other than golf carts authorized for use on said golf course.

Item 18. **Item 18 was stricken from the original deeds and is not applicable.**

Item 19. It is understood and agreed that the foregoing conditions, covenants, and restrictions shall be appurtenant to and run with the said premises; and that, in the event of violation of any of said conditions, covenants and restrictions, the said Grantor, its successors or assigns, shall have the right of abatement and the right to enforce compliance by injunction or any other appropriate legal action.

Item 20. It is understood and agreed that these covenants, conditions, and restrictions are made solely for the benefit of the Grantee herein and may be changed at any time by mutual consent in writing of the parties hereto, their heirs, successors, or assigns.

INFO about LCC ROADWAYS and Stormwater (Rainwater) Drainage Projects.

All roadways in LCC are "public roadways". Most of the roadways are owned and maintained by the SCDOT Many are owned and maintained by Georgetown County. Some are not included in either system, BUT Georgetown County has an ongoing program to address maintenance issues with these "orphan" roadways. You can read more about it by clicking .....
https://litchfieldpoa.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/LCCPOA-Newsletter-Summer-2025.pdf
....then scroll down to page 4 of The Newsletter.

If you are wondering about the construction activity along US17 between Crooked Oak Drive and Litchfield Drive, it is a long planned, long awaited major drainage/flood control improvement project. The centerpiece of the project will replace an outflow drainpipe running toward the ocean under US Hwy 17 with a much larger capacity drainpipe. These improvements are designed to greatly improve rainwater drainage. Some parts of LCC are less than ten feet above sea level, so for us rainwater drainage is a "big deal".

The following pages are examples of two ongoing Georgetown County projects in LCC, one is a roadway improvement, the other a drainage improvement project. If you would like to review the entire list of ongoing Georgetown County improvement projects, click on
https://georgetown.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/84fd629189dd4609bbce9ab7fbf2f835

The County plans to pave Sparkleberry Place during this fiscal year. Date TBD.

Planned Fiscal Year: FY2024

Description:

Road Construction to convert unimproved roads into paved roads.

Status: ON TRACK

Current Scope: Design

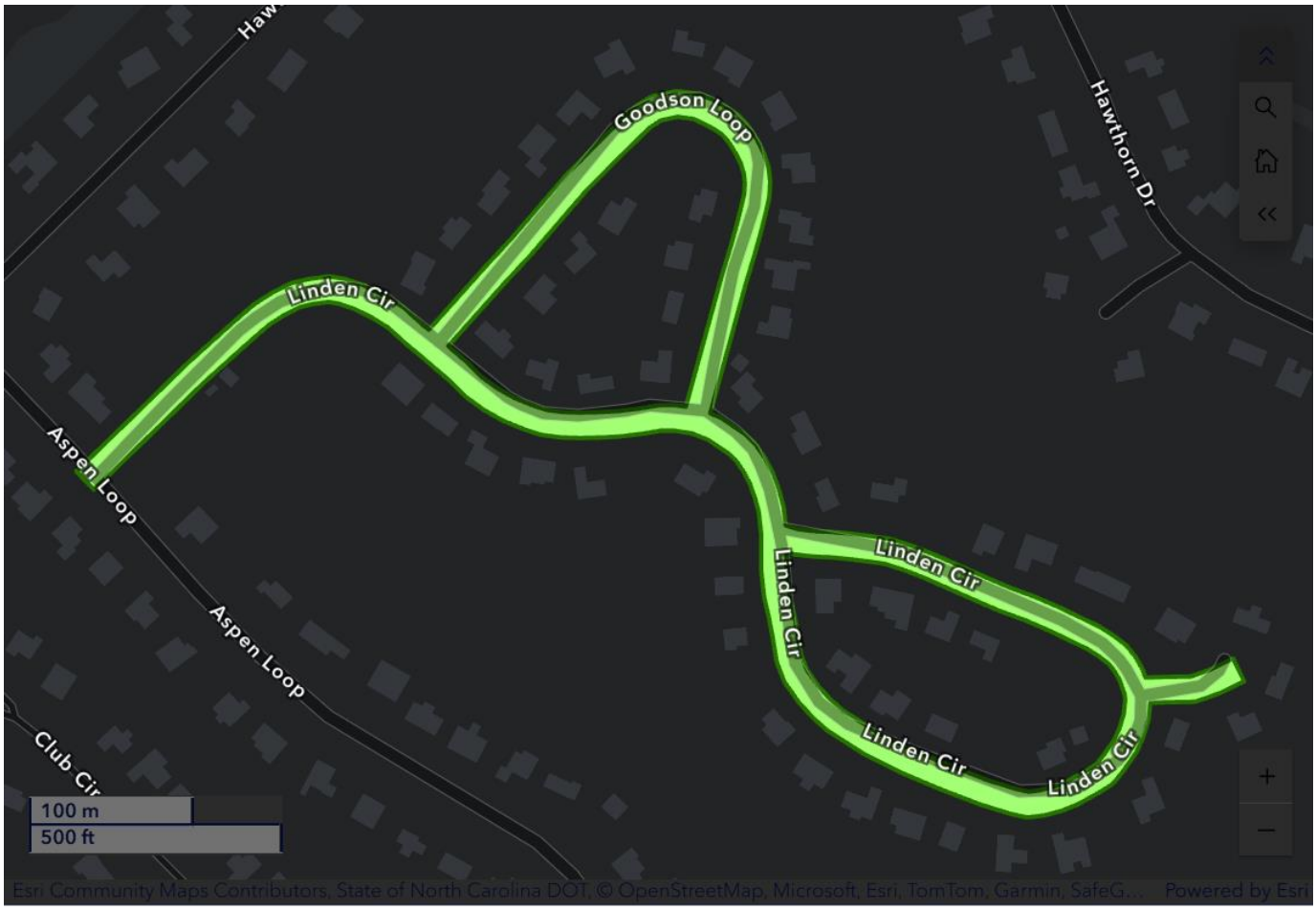
Funding Source: Local User Fee

Contract Amount:

Name: Sparkleberry Pl Road Improvements

Planned Fiscal Year: FY2024

Source: Georgetown County Capital Projects List



Name: Linden Cir Goodson Lp Tulip Tree Ct

Planned Fiscal Year: TBD

Description:

Road Construction/Drainage improvements

Status: ON TRACK

Current Scope: Design

Funding Source: C-Fund

Contract Amount:

Grant Source: C-Fund

Grant No:

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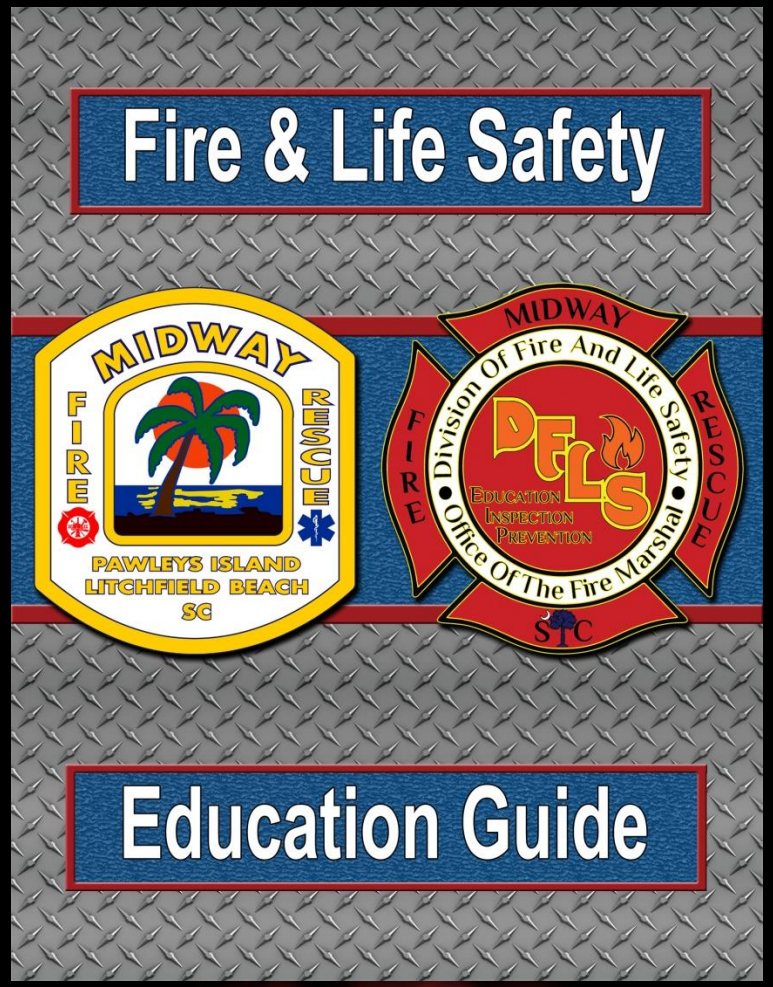
Documents Link:

Home Fire Safety Education Guide Book



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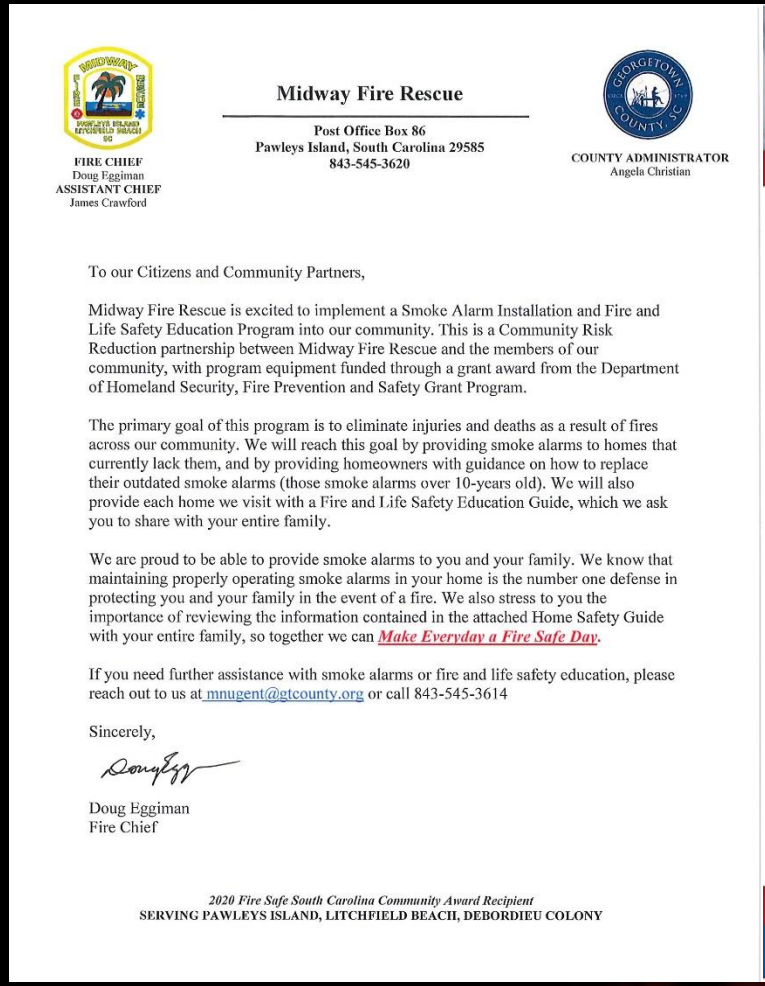


Midway Fire Rescue

Post Office Box 86
Pawleys Island, South Carolina 29585
843-545-3620

FIRE CHIEF
Doug Eggiman
ASSISTANT CHIEF
James Crawford

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
Angela Christian

To our Citizens and Community Partners,

Midway Fire Rescue is excited to implement a Smoke Alarm Installation and Fire and Life Safety Education Program into our community. This is a Community Risk Reduction partnership between Midway Fire Rescue and the members of our community, with program equipment funded through a grant award from the Department of Homeland Security, Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program.

The primary goal of this program is to eliminate injuries and deaths as a result of fires across our community. We will reach this goal by providing smoke alarms to homes that currently lack them, and by providing homeowners with guidance on how to replace their outdated smoke alarms (those smoke alarms over 10-years old). We will also provide each home we visit with a Fire and Life Safety Education Guide, which we ask you to share with your entire family.

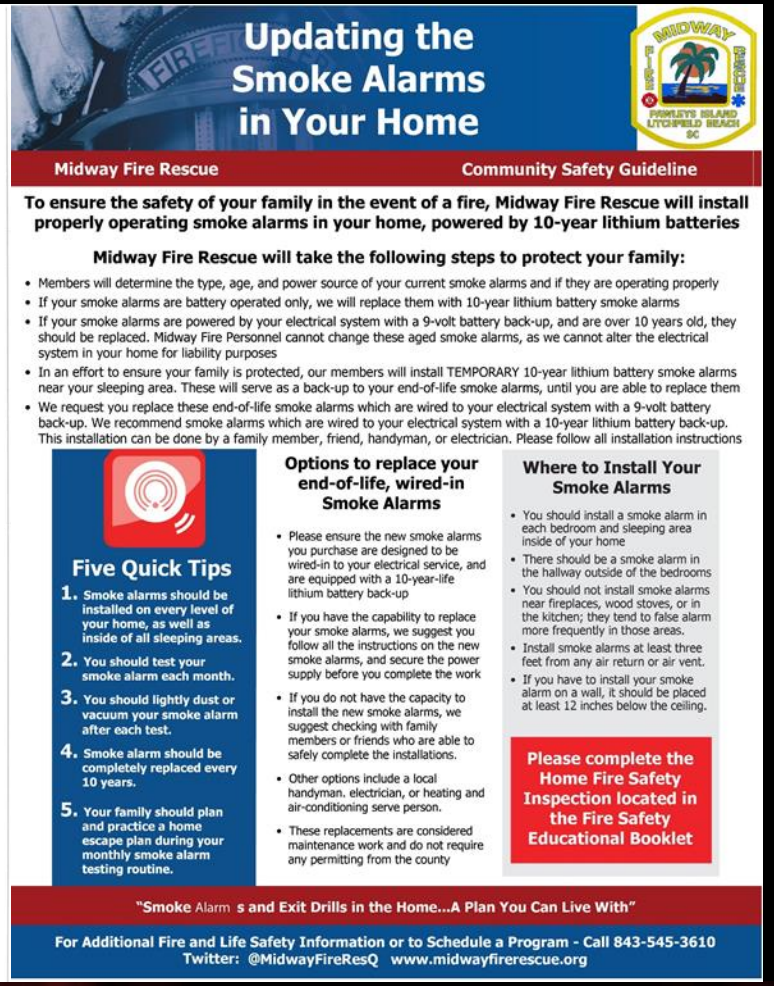
We are proud to be able to provide smoke alarms to you and your family. We know that maintaining properly operating smoke alarms in your home is the number one defense in protecting you and your family in the event of a fire. We also stress to you the importance of reviewing the information contained in the attached Home Safety Guide with your entire family, so together we can *Make Everyday a Fire Safe Day*.

If you need further assistance with smoke alarms or fire and life safety education, please reach out to us at mnugent@gtcounty.org or call 843-545-3614

Sincerely,

Doug Eggiman
Fire Chief

2020 Fire Safe South Carolina Community Award Recipient
SERVING PAWLEYS ISLAND, LITCHFIELD BEACH, DEBORDIEU COLONY



Updating the Smoke Alarms in Your Home

Midway Fire Rescue — **Community Safety Guideline**

To ensure the safety of your family in the event of a fire, Midway Fire Rescue will install properly operating smoke alarms in your home, powered by 10-year lithium batteries

Midway Fire Rescue will take the following steps to protect your family:

- Members will determine the type, age, and power source of your current smoke alarms and if they are operating properly
- If your smoke alarms are battery operated only, we will replace them with 10-year lithium battery smoke alarms
- If your smoke alarms are powered by your electrical system with a 9-volt battery back-up, and are over 10 years old, they should be replaced. Midway Fire Personnel cannot change these aged smoke alarms, as we cannot alter the electrical system in your home for liability purposes
- In an effort to ensure your family is protected, our members will install TEMPORARY 10-year lithium battery smoke alarms near your sleeping area. These will serve as a back-up to your end-of-life smoke alarms, until you are able to replace them
- We request you replace these end-of-life smoke alarms which are wired to your electrical system with a 9-volt battery back-up. We recommend smoke alarms which are wired to your electrical system with a 10-year lithium battery back-up. This installation can be done by a family member, friend, handyman, or electrician. Please follow all installation instructions

Five Quick Tips

1. Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home, as well as inside of all sleeping areas.
2. You should test your smoke alarm each month.
3. You should lightly dust or vacuum your smoke alarm after each test.
4. Smoke alarm should be completely replaced every 10 years.
5. Your family should plan and practice a home escape plan during your monthly smoke alarm testing routine.

Options to replace your end-of-life, wired-in Smoke Alarms

- Please ensure the new smoke alarms you purchase are designed to be wired-in to your electrical service, and are equipped with a 10-year-life lithium battery back-up
- If you have the capability to replace your smoke alarms, we suggest you follow all the instructions on the new smoke alarms, and secure the power supply before you complete the work
- If you do not have the capacity to install the new smoke alarms, we suggest checking with family members or friends who are able to safely complete the installations.
- Other options include a local handyman. electrician, or heating and air-conditioning serve person.
- These replacements are considered maintenance work and do not require any permitting from the county

Where to Install Your Smoke Alarms

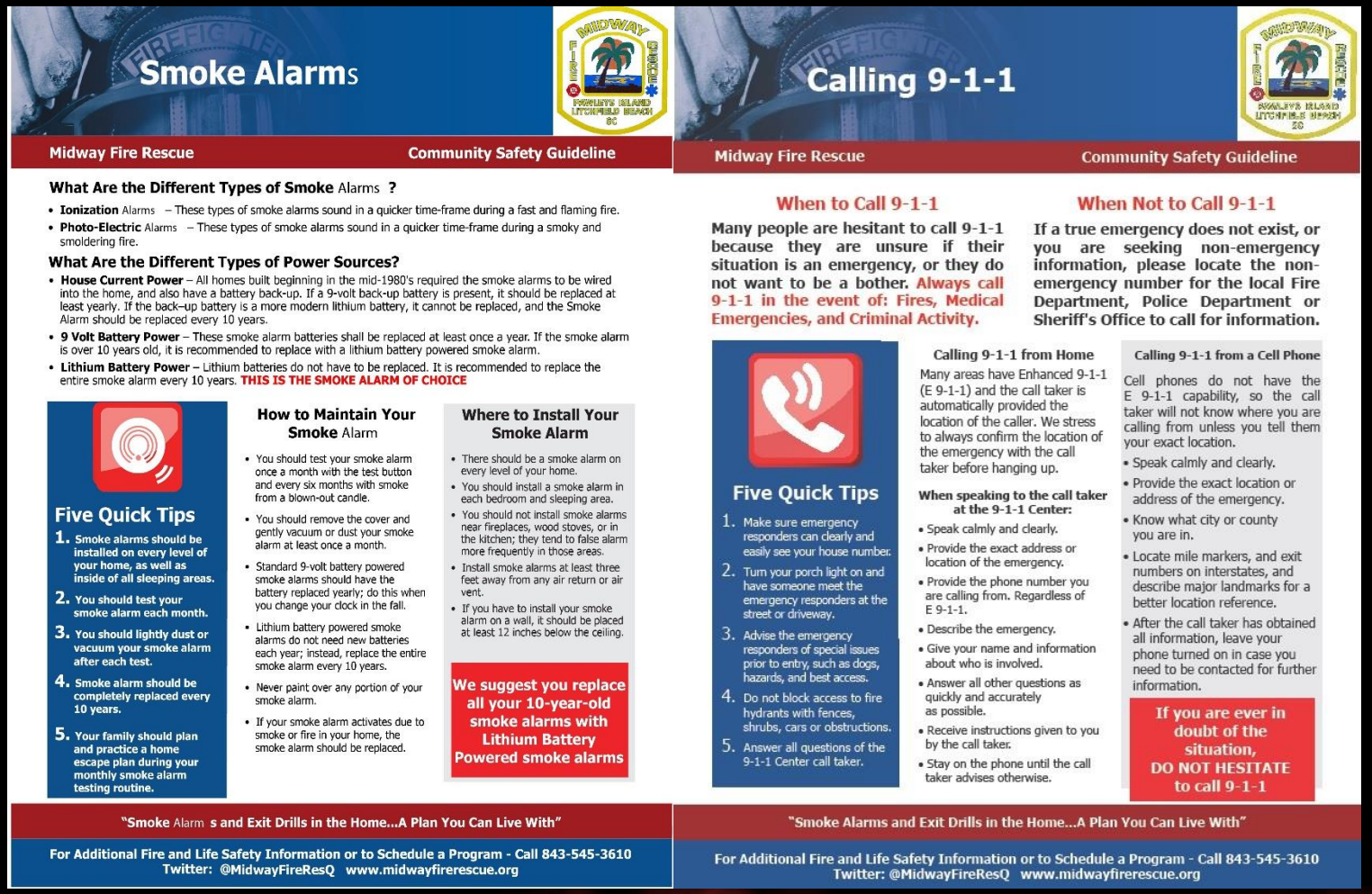
- You should install a smoke alarm in each bedroom and sleeping area inside of your home
- There should be a smoke alarm in the hallway outside of the bedrooms
- You should not install smoke alarms near fireplaces, wood stoves, or in the kitchen; they tend to false alarm more frequently in those areas.
- Install smoke alarms at least three feet from any air return or air vent.
- If you have to install your smoke alarm on a wall, it should be placed at least 12 inches below the ceiling.

Please complete the Home Fire Safety Inspection located in the Fire Safety Educational Booklet

"Smoke Alarm s and Exit Drills in the Home...A Plan You Can Live With"

For Additional Fire and Life Safety Information or to Schedule a Program - Call 843-545-3610
Twitter: @MidwayFireResQ www.midwayfirerescue.org

Home Fire Safety Education Guide Book



Smoke Alarms

Midway Fire Rescue — Community Safety Guideline

What Are the Different Types of Smoke Alarms ?

- **Ionization** Alarms – These types of smoke alarms sound in a quicker time-frame during a fast and flaming fire.
- **Photo-Electric** Alarms – These types of smoke alarms sound in a quicker time-frame during a smoky and smoldering fire.

What Are the Different Types of Power Sources?

- **House Current Power** – All homes built beginning in the mid-1980's required the smoke alarms to be wired into the home, and also have a battery back-up. If a 9-volt back-up battery is present, it should be replaced at least yearly. If the back–up battery is a more modern lithium battery, it cannot be replaced, and the Smoke Alarm should be replaced every 10 years.
- **9 Volt Battery Power** – These smoke alarm batteries shall be replaced at least once a year. If the smoke alarm is over 10 years old, it is recommended to replace with a lithium battery powered smoke alarm.
- **Lithium Battery Power –** Lithium batteries do not have to be replaced. It is recommended to replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years. **THIS IS THE SMOKE ALARM OF CHOICE**

Five Quick Tips

1. Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home, as well as inside of all sleeping areas.
2. You should test your smoke alarm each month.
3. You should lightly dust or vacuum your smoke alarm after each test.
4. Smoke alarm should be completely replaced every 10 years.
5. Your family should plan and practice a home escape plan during your monthly smoke alarm testing routine.

How to Maintain Your Smoke Alarm

- You should test your smoke alarm once a month with the test button and every six months with smoke from a blown-out candle.
- You should remove the cover and gently vacuum or dust your smoke alarm at least once a month.
- Standard 9-volt battery powered smoke alarms should have the battery replaced yearly; do this when you change your clock in the fall.
- Lithium battery powered smoke alarms do not need new batteries each year; instead, replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years.
- Never paint over any portion of your smoke alarm.
- If your smoke alarm activates due to smoke or fire in your home, the smoke alarm should be replaced.

Where to Install Your Smoke Alarm

- There should be a smoke alarm on every level of your home.
- You should install a smoke alarm in each bedroom and sleeping area.
- You should not install smoke alarms near fireplaces, wood stoves, or in the kitchen; they tend to false alarm more frequently in those areas.
- Install smoke alarms at least three feet away from any air return or air vent.
- If you have to install your smoke alarm on a wall, it should be placed at least 12 inches below the ceiling.

We suggest you replace all your 10-year-old smoke alarms with Lithium Battery Powered smoke alarms

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Calling 9-1-1

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When to Call 9-1-1

Many people are hesitant to call 9-1-1 because they are unsure if their situation is an emergency, or they do not want to be a bother. **Always call 9-1-1 in the event of: Fires, Medical Emergencies, and Criminal Activity.**

When Not to Call 9-1-1

If a true emergency does not exist, or you are seeking non-emergency information, please locate the non-emergency number for the local Fire Department, Police Department or Sheriff's Office to call for information.

Five Quick Tips

1. Make sure emergency responders can clearly and easily see your house number.
2. Turn your porch light on and have someone meet the emergency responders at the street or driveway.
3. Advise the emergency responders of special issues prior to entry, such as dogs, hazards, and best access.
4. Do not block access to fire hydrants with fences, shrubs, cars or obstructions.
5. Answer all questions of the 9-1-1 Center call taker.

Calling 9-1-1 from Home

Many areas have Enhanced 9-1-1 (E 9-1-1) and the call taker is automatically provided the location of the caller. We stress to always confirm the location of the emergency with the call taker before hanging up.

When speaking to the call taker at the 9-1-1 Center:

- Speak calmly and clearly.
- Provide the exact address or location of the emergency.
- Provide the phone number you are calling from. Regardless of E 9-1-1.
- Describe the emergency.
- Give your name and information about who is involved.
- Answer all other questions as quickly and accurately as possible.
- Receive instructions given to you by the call taker.
- Stay on the phone until the call taker advises otherwise.

Calling 9-1-1 from a Cell Phone

Cell phones do not have the E 9-1-1 capability, so the call taker will not know where you are calling from unless you tell them your exact location.

- Speak calmly and clearly.
- Provide the exact location or address of the emergency.
- Know what city or county you are in.
- Locate mile markers, and exit numbers on interstates, and describe major landmarks for a better location reference.
- After the call taker has obtained all information, leave your phone turned on in case you need to be contacted for further information.

If you are ever in doubt of the situation, DO NOT HESITATE to call 9-1-1

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Home Fire Escape Planning

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Exit Drills In The Home (EDITH)

Most fires in the home occur between 8 pm. and 8 am. Consequently, it is very important every household have a home fire escape plan so each person can get out quickly and safely. Once developed, the home fire escape plan should to be practiced each month, so everyone knows what to do in the event of a fire, and where the meeting place is located.

Statistics show that more than 2,700 fire deaths occur in our homes year, and over 15,200 injuries occur in these same fires. Unfortunately, only one in four households have created and practiced a home fire escape plan.

According to the US Fire Administration, a practiced fire escape plan will greatly reduce the potential for entrapment, protecting you and your family if a fire were to occur in your home.

EXIT

Five Quick Tips

1. Develop a fire escape plan.
2. Involve all family members when developing the plan.
3. Establish a safe meeting place outside.
4. Understand the dangers of smoke and how to react.
5. Practice your plan so that each person knows exactly what to do, and where to go once outside.

Fire Escape Planning

Each family member must know exactly what to do in case of a fire in their home. It is important to practice "Exit Drills In The Home" (EDITH)

- Plan in advance by making sure you have working smoke alarms in your home.
- In your escape route, include two exits from each room if possible.
- Practice your plan at night and during the day at least twice a year. Use different escape routes each time.
- Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from the house, such as a large tree or mailbox.
- Teach your children to escape on their own in case you cannot get to them.
- Provide for those that require additional help such as the disabled, infants, or the elderly. Include these provisions in the escape plan and practice them.

Dealing with Smoke and Heat

- Smoke and heat rises. This is why firefighters crawl through buildings on their hands and knees.
- Stay low. If you stand up, smoke may incapacitate you before you can escape.
- Smoke can be fatal. Most fire victims die from smoke, not fire.
- Drop and crawl. When you encounter smoke, drop to your knees or stomach, and crawl to the nearest exit.
- Check your bedroom door for heat with the back of your hand, If the door is hot, find another exit.

The mailbox in the front of your home makes a great meeting place for your family

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Home Fire Escape Plan

1. Draw a plan for each floor of home
2. Identify two exits from each room
3. Show each exit on the escape plan (doors, windows, stairs)
4. Label areas where anyone sleeps
5. Determine anyone who may need help
6. Identify and clearly mark your outside meeting place
7. Call 9-1-1 once you have left the home
8. Practice your Escape Plan each month

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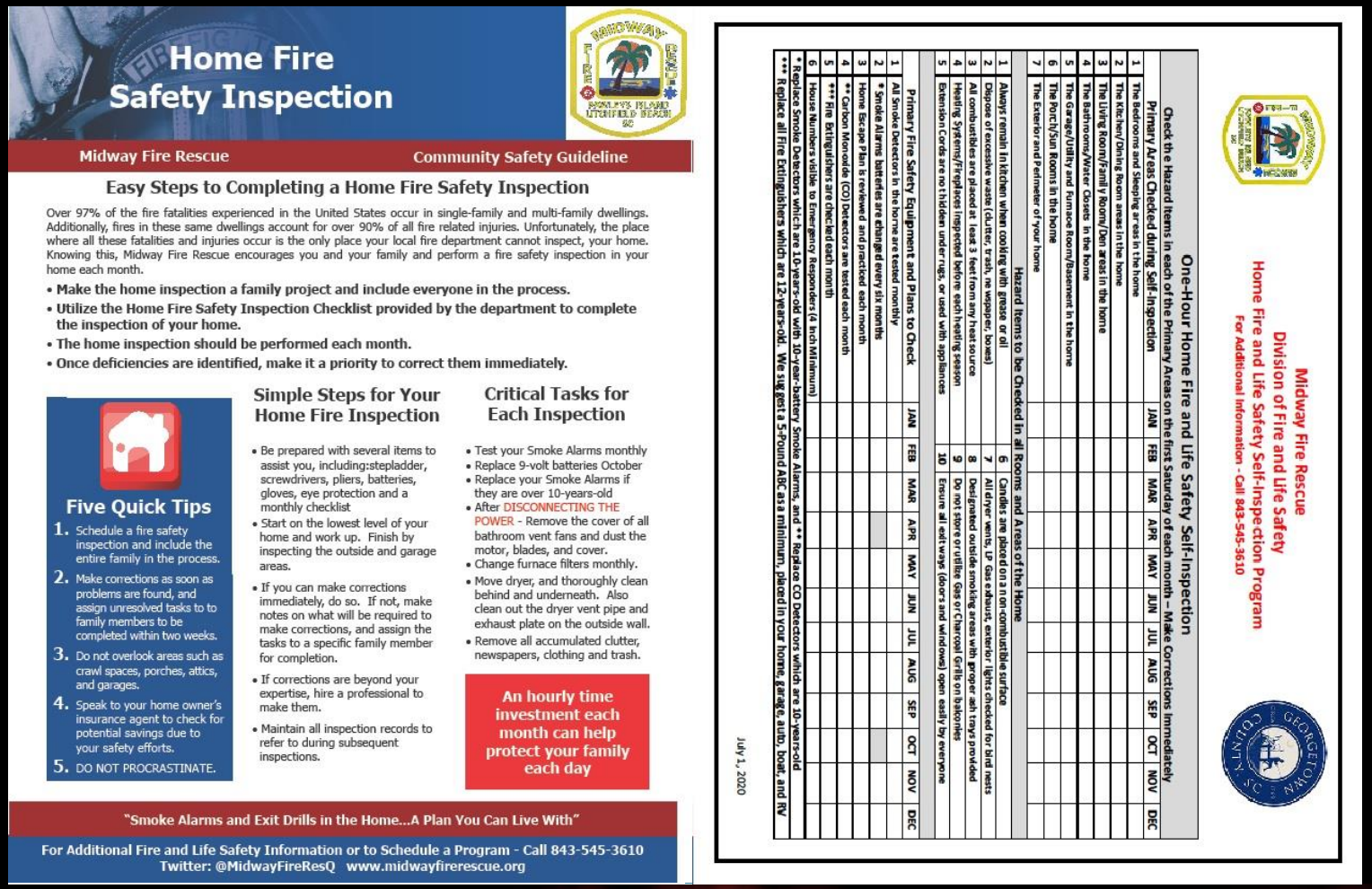

Home Fire Safety Inspection

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Easy Steps to Completing a Home Fire Safety Inspection

Over 97% of the fire fatalities experienced in the United States occur in single-family and multi-family dwellings. Additionally, fires in these same dwellings account for over 90% of all fire related injuries. Unfortunately, the place where all these fatalities and injuries occur is the only place your local fire department cannot inspect, your home. Knowing this, Midway Fire Rescue encourages you and your family and perform a fire safety inspection in your home each month.

- **Make the home inspection a family project and include everyone in the process.**
- **Utilize the Home Fire Safety Inspection Checklist provided by the department to complete the inspection of your home.**
- **The home inspection should be performed each month.**
- **Once deficiencies are identified, make it a priority to correct them immediately.**

Five Quick Tips

1. Schedule a fire safety inspection and include the entire family in the process.
2. Make corrections as soon as problems are found, and assign unresolved tasks to to family members to be completed within two weeks.
3. Do not overlook areas such as crawl spaces, porches, attics, and garages.
4. Speak to your home owner's insurance agent to check for potential savings due to your safety efforts.
5. DO NOT PROCRASTINATE.

Simple Steps for Your Home Fire Inspection

- Be prepared with several items to assist you, including:stepladder, screwdrivers, pliers, batteries, gloves, eye protection and a monthly checklist
- Start on the lowest level of your home and work up. Finish by inspecting the outside and garage areas.
- If you can make corrections immediately, do so. If not, make notes on what will be required to make corrections, and assign the tasks to a specific family member for completion.
- If corrections are beyond your expertise, hire a professional to make them.
- Maintain all inspection records to refer to during subsequent inspections.

Critical Tasks for Each Inspection

- Test your Smoke Alarms monthly
- Replace 9-volt batteries October
- Replace your Smoke Alarms if they are over 10-years-old
- After DISCONNECTING THE POWER - Remove the cover of all bathroom vent fans and dust the motor, blades, and cover.
- Change furnace filters monthly.
- Move dryer, and thoroughly clean behind and underneath. Also clean out the dryer vent pipe and exhaust plate on the outside wall.
- Remove all accumulated clutter, newspapers, clothing and trash.

An hourly time investment each month can help protect your family each day

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One-Hour Home Fire and Life Safety Self-Inspection

Check the Hazard Items in each of the Primary Areas on the first Saturday of each month – Make Corrections Immediately

	Primary Areas Checked during Self-inspection	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1	The Bedrooms and Sleeping areas in the home												
2	The Kitchen/Dining Room areas in the home												
3	The Living Room/Family Room/Den areas in the home												
4	The Bathrooms/Water Closets in the home												
5	The Garage/Utility and Furnace Room/Basement in the home												
6	The Porch/Sun Rooms in the home												
7	The Exterior and Perimeter of your home												

	Hazard Items to be Checked in all Rooms and Areas of the Home	6	Candles are placed on a non-combustible surface
1	Always remain in kitchen when cooking with grease or oil	7	All dryer vents, LP Gas exhaust, exterior lights checked for bird nests
2	Dispose of excessive waste (clutter, trash, newspaper, boxes)	8	Designated outside smoking areas with proper ash trays provided
3	All combustibles are placed at least 3 feet from any heat source	9	Do not store or utilize Gas or Charcoal Grills on balconies
4	Heating Systems/Fireplaces inspected before each heating season	10	Ensure all exit ways (doors and windows) open easily by everyone
5	Extension Cords are not hidden under rugs, or used with appliances		

	Primary Fire Safety Equipment and Plans to Check	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1	All Smoke Detectors in the home are tested monthly												
2	* Smoke Alarms batteries are changed every six months												
3	Home Escape Plan is reviewed and practiced each month												
4	** Carbon Monoxide (CO) Detectors are tested each month												
5	*** Fire Extinguishers are checked each month												
6	House Numbers visible to Emergency Responders (4 inch Minimum)												

* Replace Smoke Detectors which are 10-years-old with 10-year-battery Smoke Alarms, and ** Replace CO Detectors which are 10-years-old

*** Replace all Fire Extinguishers which are 12-years-old. We suggest a 5-Pound ABC as a minimum, placed in your home, garage, auto, boat, and RV

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Cooking Safety

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Helpful Hints to Prevent Fires and Injuries in the Kitchen

- Fires originating in the kitchen are the leading cause of accidental fires in the home. The leading cause of kitchen fires is cooking with grease or oil. **NEVER LEAVE THE KITCHEN WHEN COOKING WITH OIL OR GREASE**
- In the event of a stove-top fire, never move a burning pan, and never extinguish with water. Ensure you have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen, and always have a pan-top or cookie sheet close by when cooking with grease or oil
- Proper housekeeping can reduce many fires in the kitchen, ensure there is no excess grease or food scraps under burners, or in the bottom of the stove. Never leave pot holders, towels, or paper and plastic items on the stove top.
- Always utilize the back burners of a stove, particularly if you have children in the home. Keep all pan handles facing the rear of the stove, and never leave them hanging over the stove front.
- If you or a family member receives a burn injury, immediately cool the area with cold tap water. If the burn forms a blister larger than a quarter, you should seek medical attention.
- If you leave the kitchen while the stove is on, always carry a cooking spoon or pot holder as a reminder, setting timers is also a good practice when leaving the room. **NEVER LEAVE WHEN COOKING WITH OIL OR GREASE.**

Five Quick Tips

1. Always stay in the kitchen when you are frying, broiling or grilling food.
2. Keep a pan top or a cookie sheet nearby whenever cooking. Cover a burning pan with either of these in the event of a fire.
3. Never pick up and move a burning pan from the top of the stove.
4. Install a fire extinguisher near the exit door from your kitchen. If a stove top fire is small enough, use the fire extinguisher to put out the fire.
5. Keep the cords to all electrical appliances wrapped so they do not hang over the counter, tempting a child to pull on them.

Charcoal and LP Gas Grilling Safety

- When cooking on your LP Gas or charcoal grill, it should be placed in the yard or the outer portion of your deck. Never put it against the home or any combustible surface.
- When grilling has been completed, make sure your LP Gas is shut off at the bottle, and if using charcoal, the briquettes have been completely extinguished with water.
- Only use commercial lighter fluid to start your charcoal. Never use gasoline, kerosene, or any other type of flammable liquid.
- Never operate any type of grill inside your home, camper, garage, vehicle or tent.
- Store your spare LP Gas cylinder in a cool, shaded area; never keep it next to the grill. The cylinder should always be stored and transported upright.
- As a "Rule of Thumb", it is illegal to use an LP gas, or charcoal grill on an apartment or condominium balcony.

Keeping Children Safe in the Kitchen

- Children should always be supervised whenever they are in the kitchen.
- Keep place mats and tablecloths off of the table when there are toddlers in the home, as they will reach up and use them for leverage to stand up.
- The temperatures reached on oven doors are hot enough to burn a child's hands; never operate the oven when toddlers are in the kitchen.
- Do not allow children to play with pots and pans, as they will see them hanging over the edge of the stove and grab them when they contain a hot liquid.

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Fire Extinguishers

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What Are the Different Types of Fire Extinguishers?

There are three different types of fire extinguishing agents for home use. Portable fire extinguishers are labeled according to the type of fire they are used for: pressurized water for "Type A" fires; carbon dioxide for "Type B" fires; and dry chemical for "Type C" fires. There is also a multipurpose dry chemical for "Type A, B and C fires". Fires involving ordinary combustible products, flammable liquids and electrical fires can react different to the type of extinguisher being used. The three classes of fires and examples are:

- Type "A" fire extinguishers are used for ordinary combustible products such as paper, wood, rubber and many plastics.
- Type "B" fire extinguishers are used for flammable liquid fires such as grease, oil, gasoline and solvents.
- Type "C" fire extinguishers are used for electrical fires in wiring, fuse boxes, electrical equipment, and other devices powered by electrical current.

Five Quick Tips

1. If there is a fire call 9-1-1.
2. Know how to use a fire extinguisher and understand the risks of fighting a fire.
3. If the fire is too large, do not attempt the use of a fire extinguisher.
4. If it is too hot, or too much smoke in the area, get out.
5. Always stay between whats on fire and your exit from the room or building.

Proper Use of Fire Extinguishers

Get proper training on the use, care, and maintenance of your fire extinguisher.

Remember: fire extinguishers are not meant to fight a large or spreading fire.

Know the acronym **P.A.S.S.** when operating a fire extinguisher.

- **P**ull the ring pin breaking tag
- **A**im the nozzle at the base of the fire
- **S**queeze the handle
- **S**weep the nozzle from side to side at the base of the fire

Make sure your fire extinguisher is the right type and size for the fire you are attempting to extinguishing

Is Your Fire Extinguisher...

- Accessible and not blocked by furniture and other objects.
- Still pressurized with the gauge in the green zone.
- Nozzle clear and unobstructed.
- Pull pin and tamper seal still in place.
- Free of rust and signs of wear.
- Less than 10 years old.

When using a fire extinguisher during a fire, always stay between the fire and your exit out of the room or building

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