



# Pawling Fire Department Fall 2010 Update

PO Box 132, Pawling, NY 12564

Find us on the web at [www.pawlingfire.org](http://www.pawlingfire.org)

**Proudly all volunteer since 1895  
In an Emergency Dial 911**

**Our Mission:** To, with the utmost due regard to public safety, provide to the best of our ability, the highest level of service to our community. This service shall include, but not be limited to, the protection of the life safety and property of the citizens and visitors of Pawling with regard to fires, accidents, natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and any and all other emergencies, and to provide the highest possible level of education in the form of fire prevention and safety to the citizens of Pawling.

We appreciate the support of the Pawling Chamber of Commerce allowing us to piggyback on this issue of **Pawling Matters**. This insert can easily be removed and saved for future reference! All past and the current issues are now available on our website [www.pawlingfire.org](http://www.pawlingfire.org) under Public Info.

## What we've been doing:

June/July/August 2010

Fires	16
False Calls	19
Hazardous Condition/Service	15
Medical Assists	20
Service & Good Intent Calls	7

## Planning a Party or a business meeting?

### Why not have it at our house?

Pawling FD Station 1 meeting room and kitchen and/or our outside pavilion are available for rental. Complete with dance floor, tables and chairs, loads of parking, even a bar. Everything you need for your next party or business meeting. We've been sprucing the place up... check us out. For information please call 845-855-1144 and leave a message or send an email to [pawlingfire@gmail.com](mailto:pawlingfire@gmail.com) or see our website: <http://www.pawlingfire.org/content/rental/>

The weather is nice, so PLEASE share the road! Slow down and watch out for walkers, joggers, bike riders and motorcycles.

## 2010 Carnival & Community Days

### Wow. What a success.

**Thank You** to our planning committee, attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors. Nothing would have happened without our volunteers. **Thank You** to:

- The Town for not only opening Lakeside Park to us, but also for the tremendous support over the 9 months of planning, especially Supervisor Dave Kelly and Chief Constable Mike Kelly who attended and provided great ideas at almost every meeting we had.
  - The Town Recreation Department and Summer Campers for giving up a day for us so we could set up & open on Friday.
  - The Village of Pawling including Mayor Liffland for supporting us and allowing us to shut down the Village for 3+ hours for the biggest parade in 20 years.
  - The Pawling Chamber of Commerce.
  - Pawling Central Schools, Mizzentop Day School, the Pawling Press and Pawling Public Radio for helping us get the word out, embracing the idea and ensuring that it happened.
  - The Historical Society of Quaker Hill & Pawling celebrating 100 years of preserving Pawling history for their presentation on the history of the Fire Department!
  - Castagna Realty for sponsoring the fireworks finale.
  - Trinity Pawling School for all the behind the scenes support.
  - Everyone who baked for our Dessert Café.
  - Heinchons for the Ice Cream.
  - Mama's Pizza II for the dough for the Fried Dough.
  - Hannaford for the Lemons and water!
  - Quaker Hill Country Club for the golf carts.
  - Taylor Propane for the propane hookup for the Food Court.
  - Pawling Corporation for the use of their parking lot.
  - Catskill Fire-Cats for the aerial ladders and the large American Flag display for Lakeside Park as well as the antique apparatus for our parade.
  - Joe Pietryka for sponsoring the shuttle buses.
  - Clancy Moving Systems for the loan of a mini storage unit.
- We just don't have enough room here to thank everyone so please visit our website [www.pfdcarnival.org](http://www.pfdcarnival.org) for photos, lists of exhibitors, volunteers & special sponsors.

## 2010 Parade

This year we hosted the Dutchess County Volunteer Firemen's Association Parade as part of our Carnival & Community Days celebration. The weather was beautiful as over 600 marchers representing 30+ Fire Departments, 10 bands and our VIP guests: our Pawling area veterans, active and reserve military marched through the Village. Thank you to all who came out and celebrated this great parade. Additional thanks to the classic car owners for providing transport; the Foundation for Christian Living for allowing the use of their parking lots for staging; to American Legion Hasler-Kamp Post 215 and specifically Jerry Christiansen for helping to organize the Veterans' participation, our MC and Life Member Henry Walters, and Betty Gallagher for lending her voice.

## 2010 Corporate Sponsors:

Our **Corporate Sponsors** are very important to us and our community. They provide donations, either cash or in-kind support (gift certificates, product or services at no or reduced cost), that allow us to carry out our important mission. When you need something, please contact one of our Sponsors (and let them know you appreciate their support of your Fire Department!). If you are a business, please consider being a sponsor. Our Sponsor list has grown considerably since our last update!

**Brass Sponsor:** \$250 - \$499

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**Bronze Sponsor:** \$500 - \$999

- Denton & McLaughlin, PC
- Anna Ryan, Edward Jones Investments
- Mama Pizza II
- The Annex Florist
- Millennium Printing & Graphics
- SunDog Signs
- Village Medical, PLLC

**Silver Sponsor:** \$1,000 - \$2,499

- Edge Technology Partners, website design & development, Pawling, NY. (914) 391-6502 [www.edgetechnologypartners.com](http://www.edgetechnologypartners.com)  
[doug@edgetechnologypartners.com](mailto:doug@edgetechnologypartners.com)
- Total Party Tent: Mike Kelly, 845-494-1556  
[MK29PE5@aol.com](mailto:MK29PE5@aol.com)
- Castagna Realty Co., Inc, 2110 Northern Blvd Manhasset, NY 11030, 516-627-6700
- Joe Pietryka, Inc. Charles Colman Blvd, Pawling
- Pawling Corporation 845-855-1000
- Clancy Moving Systems, Inc., 2963 Rte 22, Patterson, NY 12563. [www.clancymoving.com](http://www.clancymoving.com)
- Garrison Fire & Rescue Corp., 518-678-2281  
[www.garrisonfire.com](http://www.garrisonfire.com)

- The Pawling Press, PO Box 412, Pawling, NY 845-855-7014
- Trinity-Pawling School, 700 Rte 22, Pawling, NY  
[www.trinitypawling.org](http://www.trinitypawling.org)
- SVPS, LLC., PO Box 289, Millbrook, NY 12545  
845-625-3034.

**Gold Sponsor:** \$2,500 - \$4,999

- K.M.C. Services: Professional Cleaning & Building Service 845-855-5460  
[KMCSVCCLEAN@aol.com](mailto:KMCSVCCLEAN@aol.com)
- Pisano Designs - Window Fashions & Interiors: 845-855-0322, [pisano.designs@verizon.net](mailto:pisano.designs@verizon.net)
- **Steve Martin Enterprises**, 9 Dutcher Ave, Pawling, NY 845-855-0572

**Sapphire Sponsor:** \$7,500-\$9,999

- The Pawling Gateway: situated along Pawling's Rte 22 commercial corridor, The Pawling Gateway is a visible and unique area for residents and visitors to work, shop, dine, sleep and play in Pawling - all without leaving the Town. Email: [outreach@elmstreetpartners.com](mailto:outreach@elmstreetpartners.com).
- Dr. Thomas Bloom, DDS. President of the Dutchess County Dental Association and a Pawling resident, provides comprehensive dental services from cleanings to oral cancer screenings at his Old Rte 22, Pawling state-of-the-art location. For appointments, please call (845) 855-3807 or go to [www.pawlingdental.com](http://www.pawlingdental.com). "Good health begins with good teeth".
- Peter F. Gaito Architecture, LLC, 399 Knollwood Rd, Ste 106, White Plains, NY 10603.  
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- All Access Dental, 551 Route 22, Pawling, NY 12564, 845-593-1144. We prefer beautiful smiles. Seriously. Our mission is to provide all patients with access to great dental care. So they can smile... with confidence. Our Pawling location specializes in dental care for kids. We accept Medicaid and most insurance plans. Visit us at [www.allaccessdental.net](http://www.allaccessdental.net)

**Would you like to see your company name here?**

See the Sponsor section on our website:

[www.pawlingfire.org/content/sponsors](http://www.pawlingfire.org/content/sponsors) or contact Bob Davis at 855-1144. 2011 Corporate Sponsor Information will be available in December 2010.

## Community Day Blood Drive

Summer is always time of blood shortage for area blood banks so we decided to host a Blood Drive at this year's Community Day and 24 pints were collected! Thank You to all our donors, staff and friends.

### Senior Safety Initiative Reminder:

If you are or know a senior citizen (someone over the age of 65), please call us at 855-1144 and leave your name, phone # and that you would like to discuss the Senior Safety Program. We'll call you back to answer questions and set up an appointment.

#### What we are doing:

- Offer a **free**, basic "home safety inspection" and provide a comprehensive home inspection guide and safety literature to each participant.
- Offer and install as requested: free smoke detector, CO detector and long-life lithium batteries to those who are income qualified. Standard batteries require replacement at least once per year. Long-life lithium batteries have a 4-6 year minimum life in a smoke detector or carbon monoxide detector thereby increasing the likelihood that the detector will be working.

## 2011 Sportsmen's Dinner

It's not too early to mark your calendar Saturday **February 5, 2011**. This event has continued to grow each year. We'll announce availability of tickets in our Fall update and on our website [www.pawlingfire.org](http://www.pawlingfire.org).

### New for 2011!

WIN A CUSTOMIZED UTILITY/RECREATION CART PLUS A \$1,000.00 ACCESSORY PACKAGE. Create your own design made to fit your needs. Custom cart built by Associates Golf Cart, Taft Road, Poughkeepsie. Tickets are only \$5.00 each. The Cart and accessories package has a retail value of \$6,000. Check our website [www.pawlingfire.org](http://www.pawlingfire.org) for where tickets are available locally. Winner will be drawn at the annual Sportsmen's Dinner.

## Fire Prevention & General Safety

### Bicycle Safety:

The information below is especially for children. Teens and Adults also need to wear helmets, share the road appropriately and wear reflective clothing for early morning or late day riding! And of course drivers need to be aware that bikes are on the road! The **American Academy of Pediatrics** suggests:

- Don't push your child to ride a 2-wheeled bike until they are ready, at about age 5 or 6. Consider the child's coordination and desire to learn to ride. Stick with coaster (foot) brakes

until your child is older and more experienced for hand brakes.

- Buy a bike that is the right size, not one your child has to "grow into." Oversized bikes are especially dangerous. Take your child with you when you shop for the bike, so that he or she can try it out. The value of a properly fitting bike far outweighs the value of surprising your child with a new one.
- Your child needs to wear a helmet on every bike ride, no matter how short or how close to home. Many accidents happen in driveways, on sidewalks, and on bike paths, not just on streets. **Children learn best by observing you.** Whenever you ride, put on your helmet.
- When purchasing a helmet, look for a label or sticker that says the helmet meets the Consumer Product Safety Council (CPSC) safety standard.
- A helmet should be worn so that it is level on the head, not tipped forwards or backwards. The strap should be securely fastened, and you should not be able to move the helmet in any direction. If needed, the helmet's sizing pads can help improve the fit.
- Sources:
  - <http://www.aap.org/family/bicycle.htm>
  - <http://www.aap.org/family/tbikmyth.htm>
- For more safety information see [www.AAP.org](http://www.AAP.org)

## General Winter Heating Safety:

- Have a working smoke detector & carbon monoxide detector in any room with a flame heating unit.
  - Never use open propane heaters as a heat source in an enclosed area.
  - Never use a gas oven for heat.
  - Using wood or pellets for fuel: clean and inspect your chimney before you light your first fire!
- [www.health.state.ny.us/environmental/indoors/heaters/](http://www.health.state.ny.us/environmental/indoors/heaters/)

## Fireplace, Wood & Pellet Stove Safety

Sorry, we know it's still nice and warm outside, and most of you would prefer not to think about winter, but it's almost time for the fall/winter heating season. Now is the best time to start planning:

### Wood and Pellet Stoves:

- Find **and read** the instruction manual. Follow the pre-season instructions. Check the seals and the damper to make sure all work properly. A bad seal will reduce the effectiveness of the stove and, more importantly, allow deadly gases including carbon monoxide into the room. For more on wood and pellet stove safety go to: <http://www.nychimneysweepguild.com/fireplaces.html>

## Kerosene Heaters

- Read the instruction manual each year, especially the safety sections and warnings. It's amazing what you forget from year to year.
- Follow the instructions for pre-use checkout.
- Fill the heater outside only and follow directions.
- Make sure your kerosene containers are well marked so that you do not accidentally refill your heater with gasoline. This can have deadly results.
- Store all kerosene outside and away from flame sources.
- Make sure you have a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in any room where you have a heater.
- Keep an area of at least 5 feet clear around your heater and designate it a NO PLAY ZONE.
- Never leave children alone in a room with a kerosene heater.

## Electric Heat:

Before you turn up those thermostats as the weather cools, take a few minutes to do the following to both maximize the effectiveness of the electric heat, but also to make sure it is safe:

- Make sure there are no electric wires in contact with the heating units.
- Vacuum the units. This will help eliminate that first heat odor.
- If your units have louvers, make sure they are open if you want the heat to come out!

## General Winter Safety Information from NYS:

[http://www.semo.state.ny.us/info/publicsafety/winter\\_safety\\_tips.cfm](http://www.semo.state.ny.us/info/publicsafety/winter_safety_tips.cfm)

## Carbon Monoxide: The silent killer

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas which is a byproduct of combustion/burning. It also **kills**. As we approach the winter heating season please make sure your heating system is working properly and that you have a working Carbon Monoxide Detector. If your garage is attached, don't run your car inside! According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) **400 people die each year** from carbon monoxide poisoning and 20,000 end up in the Emergency Room.

## What are the symptoms of CO poisoning?

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. High levels of CO inhalation can cause loss of consciousness and death. Unless suspected, CO poisoning can be difficult to diagnose because the symptoms mimic other illnesses. People who are sleeping or intoxicated can die from CO poisoning before ever experiencing symptoms.

## How does CO poisoning work?

Red blood cells pick up CO quicker than they pick up oxygen. If there is a lot of CO in the air, the body may replace oxygen in blood with CO. This blocks oxygen from getting into the body, which can damage tissues and result in death. <http://www.cdc.gov/co/faqs.htm>

## We'll be prepared!

Thanks to a grant from the John T. Sloper Community Fund of the Community Foundation of Dutchess County and donations from the Pawling Community, we just ordered a high tech Carbon Monoxide Detector able to detect levels of Carbon Monoxide in the blood with a simple device that fits over the finger! No more guess work. In seconds we'll be able to know if you need to go to the hospital!



**See a Blue Light  
Move to the Right**

## Please consider Joining!

The Pawling Fire Department has been all Volunteer since its founding in 1895! **We need Volunteers**. We are looking for individuals over the age of 18 who are of sound mind and body as Firefighters, Drivers and Fire Police. We also are looking for volunteers to assist with our Senior Safety Initiative. The Auxiliary is looking for volunteers as well.

## Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Join the Fire Department!
  - a. Firefighters: interior and exterior
  - b. Drivers and apparatus operators
  - c. Fire Police
  - d. Rescue Squad
  - e. Behind the scene assistance
2. Join the Fire Department Auxiliary.
3. Senior Safety Initiative Assistants
  - a. Calling seniors to explain program and set appointments

**To volunteer call 845-855-1144**

or stop in any Monday night at Station 1.

**Thank you for all  
your support!**