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Parent Newsletter December 2021



Enjoy a Safe Holiday Season

Holiday safety is an issue that burns brightest from late November to mid-January, when families gather, parties are scheduled, and the roads are full with lots of travelers.

Traveling for the Holidays? Be Prepared

While many will choose to stay home this year, if you do travel, be sure your vehicle is in good running condition, get plenty of rest and be prepared for any emergency. Traveling by car during the holidays has the highest fatality rate of any major form of transportation . Stay safe on the roads over the holidays and every day. Prepare your car for winter.

- Carry an emergency kit with you
 - Get a good night's sleep before departing and avoid drowsy driving
 - Leave early, planning ahead for heavy traffic
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up no matter how long or short the distance traveled
- Put that cell phone away; many distractions occur while driving, but cell phones are the main culprit
 - Practice defensive driving
- Designate a sober driver to ensure guests make it home safely after a holiday party. Alcohol, over-the-counter, prescription and illegal drugs can cause impairment



Decorate Safely

Decorating is one of the best ways to get in a holiday mood, but emergency rooms see thousands of injuries involving holiday decorating every season.

- Keep potentially poisonous plants – mistletoe, holly berries, Jerusalem cherry and amaryllis – away from children
 - If using an artificial tree, check that it is labeled “fire resistant”
- If using a live tree, cut off about 2 inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption, remember to water it and remove it from your home when it is dry
- Place your tree at least 3 feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources, making certain not to block doorways
- Avoid placing breakable ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower tree branches where small children can reach them

Only use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors, and choose the right ladder for the task when hanging lights

- Replace light sets that have broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections
- Follow the package directions on the number of light sets that can be plugged into one socket
- Never nail, tack or stress wiring when hanging lights and keep plugs off the ground away from puddles and snow
- Turn off all lights and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house

<https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/holiday>



Happy Holidays from the Child Care Council!

Does your child's caregiver participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)? CACFP helps providers serve healthy meals and snacks to your child by reimbursing him or her for following nutritious guidelines. If your provider doesn't participate in the CACFP, talk to him or her about signing up. For more information, contact Chris Wigren, CACFP Specialist, at 716-661-9430 ext. 2269 or



Interested in starting your day care? The Chautauqua Child Care Council Can help you to get started and every step along the way. For more information call 716-664-9430 Ext. 2289 or 2290.



Do you need assistance finding quality child care? The Child Care Council can help! We provide free, customized referrals to licensed/registered child care providers in Chautauqua County. Please contact 1-800-424-4532 to get started or email Childcare@chautopp.org



LOCAL EVENTS

Miracle on Main Street

Fredonia Barker Commons, Fredonia Grange #1 and Fredonia Methodist Church Downtown Fredonia, NY 14063

Miracle on Main Street brings families within the community together to celebrate and enjoy the spirit of the holiday season. Celebrate the many miracles of the season throughout the village with a blood drive, food drive, kids crafts, food trucks, indoor craft vendors, ginger bread house making, wreath and tree sales, ornament sales, alternative nativity scenes, movie for the kids and of course...SANTA CLAUS!

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Downtown Jamestown Holiday Parade

Enjoy a great series of holiday events in downtown Jamestown! The City of Jamestown and Collaborative Children's Solutions present the Jamestown Holiday Parade for 2021! The theme this year is "Jamestown NY, a Diverse Community, Celebrating Holiday Traditions from Around the World!"

The day will start with an adults and kids 1-mile fun run. You can shop downtown and enjoy lunch or dinner at one of many local restaurants, and then stay for the parade! There will also be an exciting hockey tournament underway that weekend at Northwest Arena!

Third Street will be closed from Hall Avenue to City Hall beginning at 3:30pm for the parade. Parade units will line up starting at 5pm at the Third Street Plaza. The parade will step off at 6pm.

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