



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

September 11, 2019

TO: Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners

FROM: Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.

REF: Mayor's Agenda

1. Proclamations

- A. **Proclamation – October 6-12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week (Attached MA-1A)**
- B. **Proclamation – September 17-23, 2019, as Constitution Week (Attached MA-1B)**
- C. **Proclamation –September 2019 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month (Attached MA-1C)**

The above proclamations honor and observe the issues important to our community and to society. Upon the Board of Commissioners' adoption, they will be shared with our citizens, employees, and other local governments, and posted on our website and social media.

I recommend approval of these proclamations and a motion or motions would be in order for their adoption.



THE TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS
NORTH CAROLINA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date: August 28, 2019

To: Debbie Diaz
Town Manager

From: Troy N. Tilley 
Fire Chief

Re: Fire Prevention Week – October 6 – 12, 2019

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) has proclaimed October 6 – 12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week. The attached proclamation recognizes Kill Devil Hills' participation in spreading the NFPA's important message: ***“Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!™”***. We respectfully request the Board of Commissioners to adopt this proclamation.

This year's slogan, ***“Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!™”*** effectively serves to remind everyone that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

As in previous years, the Fire Department has many activities planned for Fire Prevention Week. This year, our firefighters will be at Kitty Hawk Elementary School, First Flight Elementary School and Nags Head Elementary School to educate students on fire safety. Also, a public open house has been planned for Tuesday, October 8, 2019, from 5 – 7 pm, at Station 14.

Attached you will find packets of materials that we request be placed at the back of the Meeting Room for dissemination to the public.

Should you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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A Proclamation of the
Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners
declaring October 6 – 12, 2019 as
Fire Prevention Week

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our Town; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern, both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States (US) responded to 357,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, the majority of US fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

WHEREAS, the fire death rate per 1,000 home fires reported to US fire departments was 4 percent higher in 2017 than in 1980; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds Town of Kill Devil Hills' residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills' residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire;

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills' residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills' should practice the home fire escape plan with everyone in the household, including visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills' residents should practice the home fire escape drill at least twice a year, during the day and at night; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills' residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults can't help them; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills' residents should make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills' residents should practice using different ways out; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills' residents in a real emergency should get low and go under the smoke to get out quickly; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills' residents should get out and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills' residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "***Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!***"™ effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 6 – 12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week throughout this town, and urges all the people of the Town of Kill Devil Hills to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Town of Kill Devil Hills' fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the Town of Kill Devil Hills to be affixed this 11th day of September 2019.

Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary E. Quidley
Town Clerk

KILL DEVIL HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

5:00 - 7:00 PM

1634 N. CROATAN HIGHWAY
KILL DEVIL HILLS, NC 27948
(252) 480 - 4060

Not every hero wears a cape.
PLAN and PRACTICE
your ESCAPE!™



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™

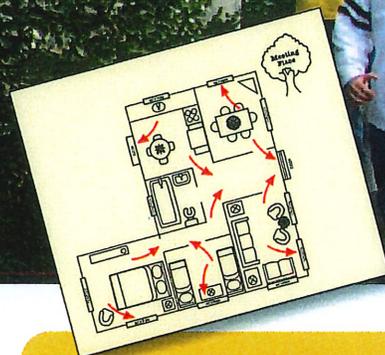
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Escape Planning

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.
- »» PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- »» PRACTICE 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 practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ! While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practiced it.
- ! **One-third** of American households 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!



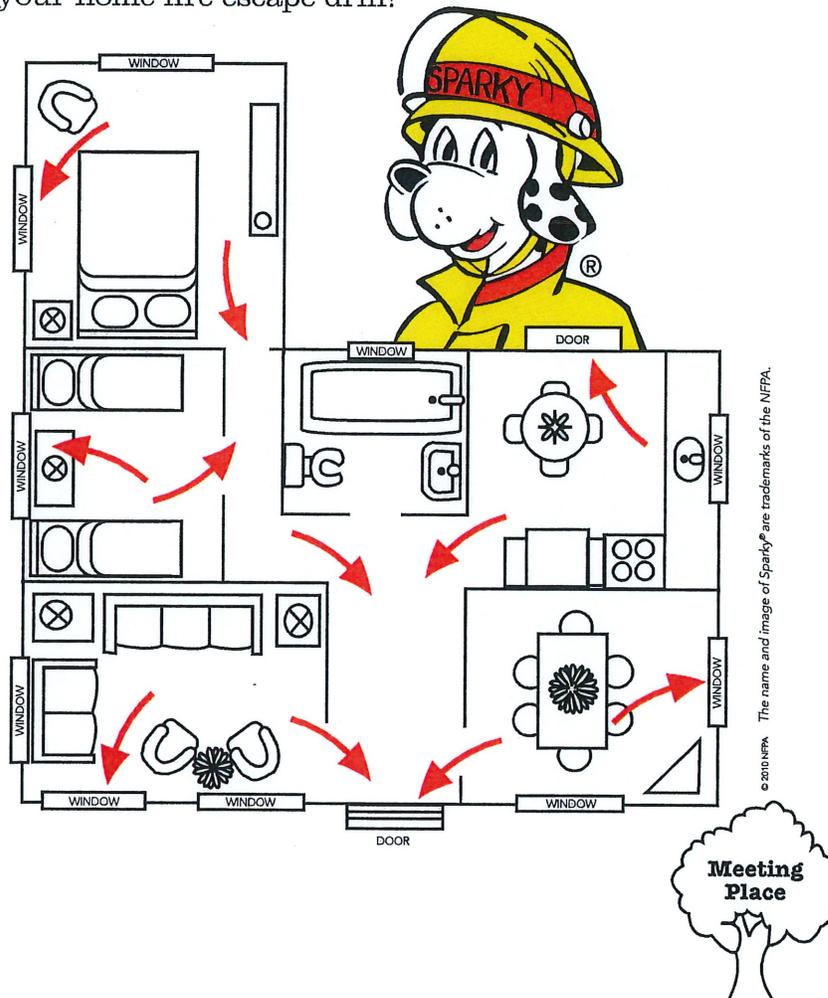
Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169



How to Make a Home Fire Escape Plan

- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- Practice your home fire escape drill!



- Make your own home fire escape plan on the back of this paper.

— Keeping Your Community Safe with Home Fire Escape Drills —



"IT'S FIRE PREVENTION WEEK!"
This year I'm teaching everyone about the importance of planning and practicing your home fire escape plan. But I can't do it alone, I need your help. Work with your family and complete the fire escape checklist."



✓ Fire Escape Checklist

- Do you have working smoke alarms in your home?
- Is there a smoke alarm in every sleeping room and outside each sleeping area?
- Is there a smoke alarm on each level of the home, including the basement?
- Do you test your smoke alarms at least once a month? (Have a grown-up push the test button to check if the batteries work.)
- Do you know the sound of your smoke alarms?
- How old are your smoke alarms? (If they're more than 10 years old, you need new ones.)
- Does your family have a home fire escape plan?
- Do you know two ways out of each room in your home?
- Do you know what to do when you hear your smoke alarm? (Get out and stay out.)
- Are all the exits in your home clear of trash and toys?
- Has your family picked a meeting place outside the home where everyone can go when they've escaped a fire?
- Does everyone at home know how to call the fire department once they are outside?
- Do you and all family members practice your escape plan at least twice a year?

For more
information visit
firepreventionweek.org
sparky.org





“¡Es la semana de prevención de incendios!”
Este año les enseñó a todos la importancia de planificar y practicar su plan de escape del hogar en caso de incendio. Pero no puedo hacerlo solo, necesito su ayuda. Trabaje junto con su familia y complete la lista de verificación de escape en caso de incendio”.



✓ Lista de verificación de escape de incendios

- ¿Tiene alarmas de humo en funcionamiento en su hogar?
- ¿Hay una alarma de humo en todos los dormitorios y afuera de cada uno?
- ¿Hay una alarma de humo en todos los pisos de la casa, incluido el sótano?
- ¿Prueba sus alarmas de humo al menos una vez al mes? (Tienen un pulsador de prueba para verificar si las pilas funcionan).
- ¿Conoce el sonido de sus alarmas de humo?
- ¿Cuánto tiempo tienen sus alarmas de humo? (Si tienen más de 10 años, debe cambiarlas por alarmas nuevas).
- ¿Su familia tiene un plan de escape del hogar en caso de incendio?
- ¿Conoce dos maneras de salir de todas las habitaciones de su hogar?
- ¿Sabe qué hacer cuando escucha su alarma de humo? (Salir y permanecer afuera).
- ¿Todas las salidas de su hogar están libres de basura y juguetes?
- ¿Su familia eligió un lugar de encuentro fuera del hogar al que todos puedan ir cuando hayan escapado de un incendio?
- ¿Todos en la casa saben cómo llamar a los bomberos una vez que estén afuera?
- ¿Usted y todos los miembros de su familia practican su plan de escape al menos dos veces al año?

Para obtener más información, visite
firepreventionweek.org
sparky.org



Fire Safety Checklist for Caregivers of Older Adults

Older adults are more likely to die in home fires because they may move slower or have trouble hearing the smoke alarm. Make sure the people you know are prepared and safe.

Put a check in front of each statement that is true for your home.

Smoke Alarms



- Smoke alarms are on every level of the home.
- Smoke alarms are inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Smoke alarms are tested each month.
- Smoke alarm batteries are changed as needed.
- Smoke alarms are less than 10 years old.
- People can hear smoke alarms from any room. If not, consider one with a different sound or one that comes with a bed shaker or strobe light.

Escape Plan



- There is a fire escape plan that shows two ways out of every room.
- Exits are always clear and not blocked with furniture or other items.
- Everyone knows where the safe meeting place is outside the home.
- The escape plan works for everyone, including people who use a wheelchair, a hearing aid, or glasses.
- There is a phone near the bed to call a local emergency number in case of a fire.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Carbon monoxide alarms are located on each level of the home.
- Carbon monoxide alarms are less than 7 years old.

Learn more about fire prevention: www.usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org.





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CONSTITUTION WEEK September 17 through 23, 2019

WHEREAS, September 17, 2019, marks the two hundred and thirty-second anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and,

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week; and,

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina ratified the Constitution of the United States of America on November 21, 1789, 230 years ago, becoming the twelfth state to do so;

NOW, THEREFORE the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills does hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

AND, we ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

This 11th day of September 2019.

SEAL

Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.
Mayor
Town of Kill Devil Hills

ATTEST:

James Michael O'Dell
Deputy Town Clerk



Educational Programs

Constitution Week

The United States Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedoms and to ensure those unalienable rights to every American.

The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the US Congress and signed into public law on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The aims of the celebration are to:

- Emphasize citizen's responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.
- Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for American's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.
- Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Constitution Week is a great time to learn more about this important document and celebrate the freedoms it gave us. Get involved by encouraging young people to sign the Constitution Week Proclamation Pledge and ask your local community officials to issue a proclamation about Constitution Week.

For additional information about Constitution Week, please contact your local DAR chapter or visit DAR.org.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization. DAR members are dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism in communities across the nation. All students are invited to participate and learn more about the educational programs the DAR offers. Educators, parents and students are encouraged to contact their local DAR chapters for more detailed information on these programs.

For more information please contact:

DAR Chapter: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

www.dar.org



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A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2018 AS SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH – CHALK TALK

WHEREAS, suicide is a huge but largely preventable public health issue and is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the number of deaths by suicide continues to grow in our country, our state and in Dare County; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment identified suicide as the eighth leading cause of death amongst residents in Dare County and the second leading cause of death in the age group 20-39 years of age; and

WHEREAS, for every suicide death there are numerous family and friends whose lives are devastated emotionally, socially and economically by said death; and

WHEREAS, a lack of awareness, understanding and stigma is prevalent globally, in our nation and within our community; and

WHEREAS, the Dare County Department of Health and Human Services is committed in its effort to promote awareness, understanding and reduce the stigma associated with suicide; and

WHEREAS, “Let’s Chalk about Mental Health” is designed to support said understanding, reduce stigma and encourage sharing through chalk artwork drawn on sidewalks and pavements; and

WHEREAS, the Dare County Department of Health and Human Services in collaboration with the Breaking Through Taskforce and the Adult Mental Health Collaborative are encouraging business owners, residents and visitors to our community to raise awareness and to bring inspiration and words of wisdom to others who may need them by creating positive drawings, thoughts and messages on our sidewalks and pavements;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills hereby adopts this proclamation in support of the Dare County Board of Commissioners and the Dare County Department of Health and Human Services in their quest to promote suicide awareness and prevention; and

Commissioners and the Dare County Department of Health and Human Services in their quest to promote suicide awareness and prevention; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills does hereby proclaim September 2019 "SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH" in Kill Devil Hills and urges our citizens and interested groups to promote awareness of this debilitating public health issue and reach out to somebody with kind words of inspiration that might save a life.

This the 11th day of September 2019.

SEAL

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TO: Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners
FROM: Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.
REF: Mayor's Agenda

2. Change in October meeting schedule

Due to a scheduling conflict, some members of the Board of Commissioners will be unavailable for the October 14, 2019, meeting and public forum.

A motion to change the date of our October 14 meeting to Wednesday, October 16 will be in order to permit the availability of all of our members to attend the meeting and public forum and hear from our community.