

# O'Fallon Public Safety

Monthly Newsletter – June 2023



May 15th was Police Memorial Day, and thus the start of the 2023 Police Week. It's a time in which we remember all those brave officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice in keeping our communities and our country safe. Several of our officers are in Washington DC attending the various ceremonies.

Over 40 years ago, famed broadcaster Paul Harvey read a tribute to police officers, titled "Policeman." It was inspired by his father, a police officer, who was shot and killed in the line of duty. Please take a moment to listen: [Paul Harvey "Policeman" One of His Best Narrations – YouTube](#)

Here in O'Fallon, we're thankful and blessed for the support we receive in our community!



# Grilling Out for Special Olympics

Special Olympic Athletes and O'Fallon Police Officers will be selling Hot Dogs and Burgers at Sam's Club to raise money for Special Olympics Illinois!



When: **Saturday, May 27 & Sunday, May 28**  
**Saturday, June 3 & Sunday, June 4**  
**(10:00 AM – 4:00 PM)**

Where: **Sam's Club 1350 W. Highway 50 O'Fallon, IL**

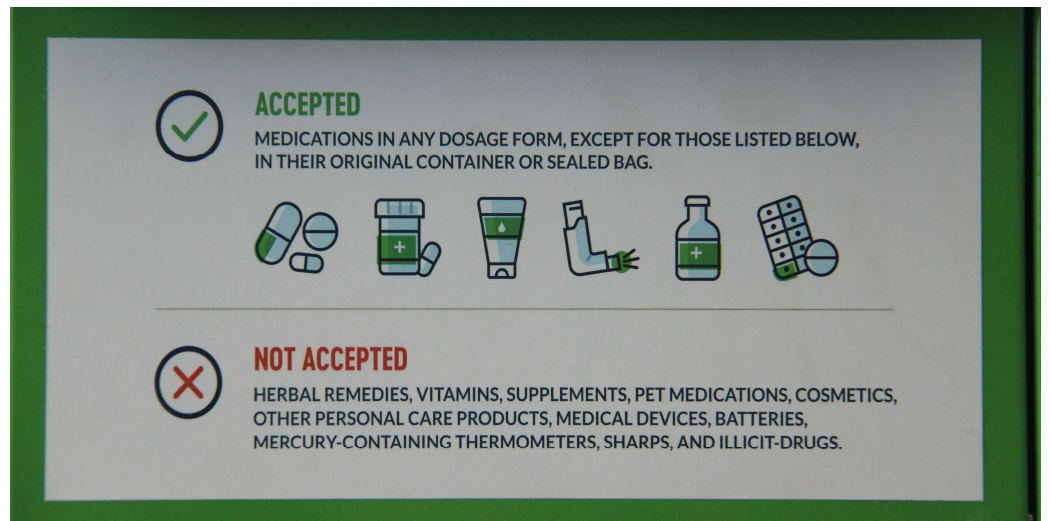
<b>1/3 lb Cheeseburger</b>	<b>\$6</b>
<b>1/3 lb Hamburger</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>All Beef Hot Dog</b>	<b>\$3</b>
<b>Chips</b>	<b>\$1</b>
<b>Soda or Water</b>	<b>\$1</b>



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We have partnered with Life In Check for disposal of unused prescription medications. The drop box has been installed in the foyer of the Public Safety building. With this partnership, we have eliminated the first Saturday of every month drop off since individuals may drop off unused prescriptions anytime.

We will continue to participate with the National Prescription Drug Take Back program twice/year (Spring and Fall).

Have you ever thought about becoming a police officer? Are you curious if you meet the qualifications, or how to start the process? Whether you're new to law enforcement, or currently serve as a police officer, there's one simply and easy way to apply. We are always accepting applications and offer testing opportunities when we have a vacancy.



Visit us at [www.wearthebadge.com](http://www.wearthebadge.com) to learn more about the requirements, the process, the benefits, and download an application!

**ROUND UP  
AT THE REGISTER**  
for Special Olympics Illinois

Round up your change to support the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois!

Special Olympics Illinois

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Ace Hardware of O'Fallon  
600 Southview Plaza  
*and*  
Ace Hardware of West Belleville  
6938 W. Main Street

Are allowing customers to round up their change to the nearest dollar to benefit Special Olympics Illinois for the entire month of June!

Did you know that May 21-27, 2023, is the 49th annual National EMS Week? In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. Our own O'Fallon-Shiloh EMS has been providing professional medical services since 1982.

In support of National EMS Week, we would like to take a moment to recognize our hardworking EMS employees and all that they do for the safety and well-being of our community. These medical professionals deliver timely medical care before a patient reaches the emergency department and are where emergency care really begins. Additionally, we could not be prouder of the continuing care and community engagement that our EMS engages in. Thank you, O'Fallon-Shiloh EMS, you are a true asset to our community!



# O'Fallon EMS Medic Awarded FTO of the year



Patty Hefner was awarded FTO of the year by St Elizabeth's EMS System at the most recent run review. In her nomination, Patty was praised for her work with the current PHRN and Paramedic classes. Patty has taken a leadership role with current SWIC classes attending most practical lab times teaching trauma and airway skills. The nomination cited her passion for teaching as well as embodying the core St Elizabeth's values of care, respect, compassion, competency, and - most especially—joy.

This is the second year in a row that O'Fallon Paramedics have been awarded FTO of the year; with Nicholas Fensom receiving the inaugural award. O'Fallon is a great place to learn and a great place to teach!

Above: Patty receiving the 2023 award for FTO of the year from Dawn Elliott. Below: Nick Fensom receiving last year's award.



# Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

## SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

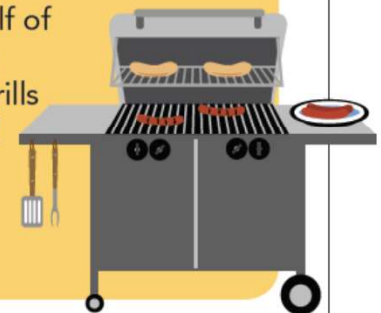
## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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