

# More Treats—No Tricks This Month

A WISER, SAFER CHOICE!

## NORTHSTAR ELECTRICAL SERVICES

PENNSYLVANIA \* NEW JERSEY \* DELAWARE

### FREE DINNER

**Respond to this email** and we will enter you in our drawing for a \$50 gift card to your choice of restaurants or other gift card choice\*. Good luck!

**Congratulations to September's Winner:**

**Susan Harvey**

Federal Heath

\*restaurants listed at the bottom left corner of the newsletter.

Respond by October 14th to be entered.

### NORTHSTAR PROMOTES SAFETY—HEATERS

Fall has officially arrived and cooler weather brings thermostat changes. The switch is flipping from AC to Heat. All types of heaters run a safety risk. In fact, it is estimated that over 50,000 structural fires are caused by heating equipment every year.

There are two basic types of electric heaters. The plug-in, or space heaters, and the permanent ones that are built directly into the home. Regarding the permanent heaters typically there are either baseboard heaters or wall mounted forced air heaters.



In order to care for your permanent heater, be sure to clean your filter every 3 to 6 months. Follow the manufacturer's directions for the remaining cleaning of the heater itself. Dust, hair, dander, and other debris can not only stop your heater from producing heat efficiently, but can also cause fires.

Never store items directly in front of a heater. Do not let electrical cords run along baseboard heaters. Older homes may have receptacles above baseboard heaters, this is no longer up to code and should be changed for safety.



Follow all directions when using a space heater. Always place the heater on a stable, level surface so it doesn't fall. Keep the area around the heater clear, especially of flammable items like papers, blankets, clothing, and furniture. Many space heaters have safety features to prevent accidents. However, you can not rely solely on these features to protect you. All precautions should be taken in order to safeguard yourself from burns and fires.



If your heater can be registered with the manufacturer, do so. They will alert you to any possible recalls or mandatory repairs. Enjoy the crisp fall weather safely!

### Sports Safety

Many sports are overlapping during this time of year. A lot of kids and adolescents are back in school and have sports programs that can be fun, but also have dangers. It's best to understand and prevent those dangers.

- Always have a pre-participation physician's exam.
- Stay hydrated with bottles of water before, during, and after all activities.
- Stretch before and after sporting events to help prevent injuries.
- Check to make sure the coaches and referees are educated in CPR.
- Watch for any signs of confusion, dizziness, inability to balance or speak normally. This could be a concussion. Stay safe and have fun this year.

\* PF Chang's, Maggiano's, Chili's, Cheesecake Factory, The Capital Grille, Legal Seafood, Season's 52, California Pizza Kitchen, Ruth Chris's Steakhouse, Flemings Prime Steakhouse, Home Depot, Barnes & Noble, Nike, Zappos.



Matt & Andrew are celebrating work anniversaries with Northstar this October!

### EMERGENCY LIGHTING FIXTURES

Have you checked your exit lights and emergency light fixtures recently? Don't wait until the fire marshal comes out and hands out a fine for safety equipment not functioning.



The purpose of emergency lighting is to provide guidance lighting toward building exits during power failures. Illuminated exit signs are placed



along pathways to show how to escape the building.

It is required to have monthly 30

second tests of all emergency lighting. A yearly 90 minute test to ensure all lighting is properly functioning is also needed. Any lighting that is not working properly must be repaired or replaced.

There are many different types of lighting fixtures that can be used

to accomplish the same goal. Some are only \$20 or \$30 and some are over \$1,000. It all depends on the style, precise function, battery and connections, and internal power supplies.

If you haven't had your emergency lighting tested in the last year, give us a call. We can set up monthly maintenance performance tests. It will help to keep you from fire marshal fines!



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