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# Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the February edition of the Manor Volunteer Fire Department newsletter. From Valentine's Day through Easter, it will be a busy time around the station as there are many activities taking place. In this edition, details on the upcoming fish fry and golf bash. Sadly, last month a member of the department passed on. A tribute to her is included. Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, so that's six more weeks of winter. Winter weather can present a dangerous situation to firefighters; I've included a few winter weather tips in here and more.

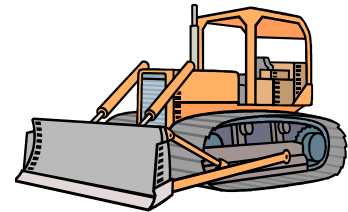
## Fish Fry

The first fish fry will be on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010. Dinners will continue each Friday after that through Good Friday. Here are some basics of the dinners.

- Dinner will be served from 4:00-7:00 pm.
- On the day before, help is needed setting up the community room. Generally, this is around 6:00pm, but may vary if there is something scheduled. Also, some minor prep work is done.
- On the day of, help is needed all day long. Before the dinners, help is needed prepping the kitchens, preparing the hall, and cooking. During, help is needed in both kitchens, in the hall, running food between buildings and taking care of patrons inside the community room.
- After the dinners, help is needed cleaning everything up.
- We are soliciting desserts from the community and members. These can be homemade or store bought & dropped off at the hall.



## Construction Update



The current timeline calls for the fire hall to be demolished in April. After debris is cleared and provided no problems arise, construction on the new station will commence in May with the anticipated completion in August.



**Reminder**, this month's raffle ticket goes off on Sunday, February 14. Big thanks to all members who sold tickets. Another raffle is right around the corner. More details to follow.

**Safety Training**  
Monday, February 8, 2010; 6:30pm

## In Memoriam

Lyda Mae Davis of Manor, a 14-year member of the Manor Fire Department who distributed food to families in need, died Jan. 9, 2010, in Excelsa Health Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg. She was 58. Ms. Davis was born Jan. 25, 1951, to the late Robert E. and Mary Jane (Adams) Davis. She worked at The Workshop in Greensburg. She was a member of Calvary Assembly of God, Irwin, since 1972; and attended Manor Presbyterian Church. She belonged to the Westmoreland County Firemen's Association and the Western Pennsylvania Fireman's Association. She volunteered at the food pantry at St. John's Church in Larimer, and collected bread from local merchants to give to those in need.

She is survived by her fiancé, Thomas Horsmon; three siblings, Robert P. Davis of Hempfield Township, Thomas C. Davis of Charleroi and Rose Richards of Jeannette; nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two siblings, William G. Davis and Bonnie Jean Stankovich. Visitation and services, officiated by the Rev. Todd Neveu, were at E.J Rodgers Funeral Home, Manor. Interment was in Jeannette Memorial Park.



### Golf Bash

A golf bash benefiting Manor and North Irwin Fire Departments will be held Saturday

March 20, 2010, from 4 to 8 pm. Cost of the tickets is \$20 and includes three numbers. Help is needed setting up for the event and during it. More details next month.

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### Cold Weather Tips

**Important tips.** Fighting fires in cold weather isn't only uncomfortable for front line personnel, it's damaging to equipment as well. Here are some tips from departments around the country, that may be useful during cold weather incidents;

- Avoid coming up DRY, by initiating a hydrant "Pump-Out" plan
- Apparatus maintenance is crucial! Make sure that tire chains or other traction devices are available for all first-in units
- Develop a "contingency plan" with the authority or agency responsible for road maintenance and service
- Carry a supply of salt, sand or oil-dry to enhance footing and reduce the possibility of falls
- During heavy snowfalls, apparatus may be forced to operate "away" from the fire building
- Extra lengths of attack line should be added to preconnects to compensate for the additional stretch
- Following knockdown, when handlines are in standby, partially opened control valves will allow water to flow and prevent freezing.
- Make sure that all waterways for monitors or deck pipes are dry, to avoid any freezing or clogging effects resulting from ice or slush
- Follow the manufacturer's recommendations regarding the cold weather use of SCBA. Don't allow water to seep into regulators or emission valves.
- Ensure that extra turnout gear is available, especially gloves. It's recommended that personnel wear layered clothing, rather than bulky articles.

#### Resources

(1) NOAA

(2) US Weather Service