

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What fire codes does the city enforce?**

The city had adopted the 2003 International Fire Code with amendments and the 2000 National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code.

### **Are sprinklers required in all buildings?**

Sprinklers are required in all new buildings and any existing building that undergoes a change in use. For example, if a building formerly was used as an office, and now someone is planning on using it as a store, that's a change of use that would require sprinklers.

### **I think there's a potential fire hazard at a building I frequent in Park Ridge. Who can I contact to discuss it?**

Contact the Park Ridge Fire Prevention Bureau at 847-318-5312.

**Is it permissible to burn leaves or brush in my yard or at the curb?** No, open burning is prohibited by city ordinance. Also, the burning of leaves and yard waste is also prohibited.

### **Does the fire department teach CPR and first aid courses?**

Yes, the fire department teaches the American Heart Association's Heartsaver First Aid Course which covers both first aid and CPR. The course is geared toward lay people who want a general knowledge of what to do in an emergency. It is a six hour course taught over two nights. The cost is \$40.00. Please call 847-318-5313 for more information.

**Is it possible to get a firefighter to come to our group to give a fire safety presentation?** Yes, the fire department has a staff of firefighters who can speak on various fire, safety and first aid topics. Please call 847-318-5313 for more information.

### **What is the best extinguishing agent to use on burning nuclear fuels?**

Boron-filled carbon micro-spheres.