



# Melrose Park Fire DepartmentNEWS



*Rick Beltrame  
Director of Fire Dept.*

## A Message from Rick Beltrame, Director of Fire Department

The Melrose Park Fire Department and Director of Fire Department Rick Beltrame want to ensure the safety of our residents and their families by providing these candle and portable space heater safety tips on behalf of the National Fire Protection Association. Please follow these tips to ensure your family's well-being!



Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

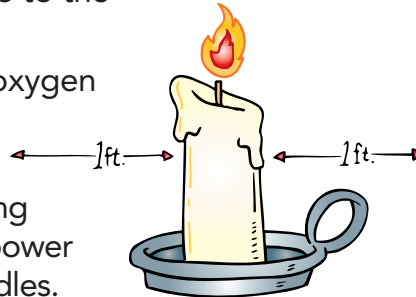
### "CANDLE WITH CARE"

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 1 foot (30 centimetres) away from anything that can burn.

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

### IF YOU DO BURN CANDLES, make sure that you...

- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.



### Candles and Kids

Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.



### FACTS

- ! **December** is the peak month for home candle fires.
- ! More than **one-third** of home candle fires started in the bedroom.
- ! **Three of every five** candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.



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# Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

## HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

## Types of electric space heaters

### Oil or water-filled radiator

Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

### Fan-forced heater

A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

### Ceramic heater

Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

### Infrared heaters

Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

## Fact

Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.



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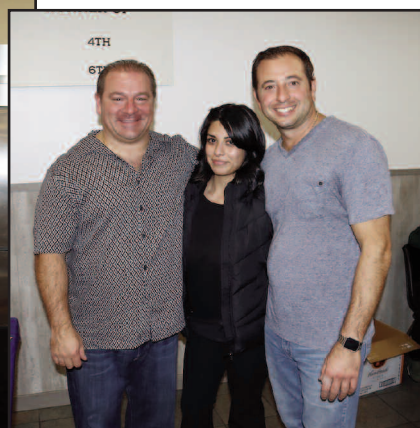
# A Gracious Thank You from the Melrose Park Fire Department and the Melrose Park Firemen's Association

On Friday, Nov. 14, the Melrose Park Firemen's Association held their Annual Fall Raffle Dinner to help raise funds for charitable contributions to organizations the association works with throughout the year. On behalf of the Melrose Park Fire Department, the association would like to graciously thank all those who helped make this year's dinner and commemorative ad book an incredible success, including the following supporters, as well as current and retired MP firefighters ...

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# Melrose Park Assistant Fire Chiefs Visit VPD Preschool

Melrose Park assistant fire chiefs Frank Islami and Jim Wrosch went to Veterans Park Preschool on Monday, Oct. 27 and Tuesday, Oct. 28, to talk to preschoolers about fire safety and to read a book.

Veterans Park District thanked the first responders for taking the time out of their busy schedule to visit the preschoolers and teach them about fire safety awareness. The children truly enjoyed meeting some of our local heroes and learning more about the important work they do to keep our community safe. They had a lot of fun interacting with the assistant chiefs.

The dedication, generosity and commitment to educating the young learners was appreciated.



## MP Fire Dept. Announces New Lt. Appointment

At the village of Melrose Park November board meeting, Melrose Park firefighter Steve Saviozzi was promoted to his new position of lieutenant with the Melrose Park Fire Department (MPFD).

Mayor Serpico and the village of Melrose Park congratulate Mr. Saviozzi, and wish him and his family good luck as he embarks on his new role. Thank you, Lt. Saviozzi, for your hard work and for always going above and beyond to keep Melrose Park safe for its residents.



Pictured (left photo, left to right) are Director of Fire Dept. Rick Beltrame, Lt. Steve Saviozzi and Mayor Serpico. Lt. Saviozzi (right photo) receives congratulations from his MPFD colleagues.