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Fire Department to host open house

An open house marking the beginning of [National Fire Prevention Week](#) is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat., Oct. 3 at the Main Fire Station, 100 N. Euclid Ave.

Residents are invited to participate in a range of family-friendly activities, such as how to plan a home fire drill, stop, drop and roll, and how to make your house fire safe. Station tours and demonstrations are planned, as are prizes and hot dogs. Children also will be allowed to explore the fire trucks and other emergency response vehicles.

This year, Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 4 – 10. The theme is *Stay Fire Smart – Don't Get Burned*. During the week, fire safety advocates will be spreading the word about burn awareness and prevention, as well as keeping homes safe from the leading causes of fires.

Fire Prevention Week commemorates one of the worst fires in American history, the Chicago Fire of 1871, which claimed more than 250 lives and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings.

Since 1925, when President Calvin Coolidge first declared Fire Prevention Week an official national observance, the week containing the October 9 Chicago fire anniversary has been the focus of an annual fire safety awareness campaign sponsored by the [National Fire Protection Association](#).

For more information on the open house or Fire Prevention Week, call the Oak Park Fire Department at 708.445.3300 or email fire@oak-park.us.

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