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| |  | | --- | |  | | City Plumbing, Heating & Electric, Inc. –  The Best Solution For All Your Service Needs  September 2014 Newsletter | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Pictured are Elwen Guthrie of City Plumbing, Heating & Electric and Chaplain Ed Losey of Garland County Jail Ministries.  The recipient of City Plumbing, Heating & Electric’s “Giving Back to the Community” donation for July 2014 was the Garland County Jail Ministries, Inc. This ministry offers inmates a chance to participate in worship services, group Bible studies, and one-on-one pastoral care. Not only do they minister to current inmates, but also to those recently released and their families. The Senior Chaplain is on call 24/7 and oversees all of the religious activities in both the adult and juvenile detention facilities. More than half of the inmates participate in this ministry and the employees of City Plumbing, Heating & Electric are proud to lend their support to this mission.  Since 2009, City Plumbing, Heating & Electric has given more than $68,000 in donations to local, non-profit organizations and look forward to giving to the Hot Springs Friends of the Park as their August donation. |  |  | | --- | | With summer coming to an end, it is time to start thinking about running those heaters. Having a well maintained system is critical to the life and safety of you and your system. Here at City Plumbing, Heating & Electric we have a wonderful maintenance program. It offers two checks a year, filters each time we come, a 15% discount on future parts and many other additional benefits. Call us today and sign up and we will put a smile on your face. |  |  | | --- | | **RASCALLY RONNIE’S WORDS OF WISDOM**  **HOME MAINTENANCE**  You maintain your vehicle, why not maintain your home? Proper home maintenance is the key to preventing unnecessary and costly repairs each year. An ounce of prevention will go a long way toward keeping your home's plumbing in top working order - and help save you money!  Winter will soon be approaching so you will need to remove your garden hose from outside faucets so they won’t freeze. Be aware, they are only Frost-free faucets if you remove the hose. Also be sure to winterize sprinkler pumps and RPZ valves.  Did you know you can sometimes identify any potential water problems you may have by looking at your water bill? By comparing monthly usage figures, you may get tipped off to a small leak before it becomes a big problem. Major, unexplained fluctuations in your water bill are often a sign of water leaks.  Another helpful hint is to know how to shut off the water supply. This includes both the main water supply and individual fixtures like sinks, toilets, water heaters and clothes washers. If a pipe bursts, a toilet overflows or your water heater fails the first thing you’ll want to do is shut off the water. Be sure everyone in your household knows where they are and how to shut them off.  You should always have your plumbing inspected once a year and have your water pressure checked. To help prevent annoying and expensive plumbing disasters consider joining The Diamond Club. | | |  | | --- | | **HOW DO I SAVE ON HEATING & COOLING ENERGY COST?**    Install a Programmable Thermostat  **C:\Users\lhenderson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ASZ93B02\MC900390684[1].wmf**During the heating season, set the temperature at 68 degrees when you are at home and 55 degrees when not at home.  During the cooling season, set the temperature to 78 degrees when you are not at home and to your comfort level when you are home.  Turn off heat/air in unoccupied areas (close the register/vent cover dampers).  Enroll in your energy company’s budget plan (a monthly averaging plan that sets a constant monthly rate).  Install thermostats on interior walls away from heating or cooling vents and other sources of heat or drafts.  Have the heating/cooling system inspected, cleaned and tuned before each heating and cooling season. Get more information on our maintenance agreements.  Seal any drafts in the windows with approved shrink plastic kits.  Install an energy star rated furnace and central air. Most older furnaces and central airs are inefficient and do not meet current energy efficiency standards (Minimum 80% AFUE for furnaces and 13 Seer for central airs).  Clean the ductwork as recommended by your heating and cooling technician and change your filter regularly. Check your filter monthly no matter what. These can reduce the efficiency of your equipment because you do not have proper air circulation due to restriction in the ductwork and filter. |  |  | | --- | | **DEWAYNE’S WORLD**    Nearly 25% of Homeowners have experienced significant water damage from broken pipes and leaks. Are you next? When your house falls victim to common plumbing water leakage and catastrophic flooding, you could experience much more than structural and interior damage. Your irreplaceable keepsakes can be destroyed in an instant as well. I’m here today to talk to you about a feature on your home that would give you automatic protection without you even knowing it. It’s called the **Water Cop**. A smart investment in the protection of your home that features technology so advanced, it actually stops water damage before it starts. Featuring an automatic valve and in innovative network of flood and temperature sensors. Water Cop monitors your homes plumbing system. Plus unlike other less efficient monitoring system that simply alerts you to water leakage problems without actually shutting off the plumbing, when Water Cop senses water problems, it automatically turns off your plumbing system. This means you do not need to be home to prevent leakage, damage or catastrophic flooding – a critical advantage for protecting your home or a second home you may have. Water Cop is on the job 24/7. If you would like more information on Water Cop, give us a call! |  |  | | --- | | **TRASH BASH!!**  Trash Bash is Saturday, October 4th!  Help us cleanup Lakes Hamilton, Catherine and the Ouachita River below Remmel Dam. At Trash Bash a few hours picking up trash will earn you a free t-shirt, BBQ lunch, entrance to Garvan Woodland Gardens, and chances at over $2,500 in prizes. You can also volunteer at the Lake DeGray clean-up on September 20.  It’s a great time for all! | | |

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