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Joshua Firefighters “Fill the Boot” for MDA

Joshua Firefighters participated in the 2010 MDA Fireman’s Crusade by collecting donations on June 5 in Joshua. Firefighters collected more than \$2,950.00 in just over three hours. Battalion Chief Wes Shipley organized this year’s effort for Joshua and will make the check presentation to MDA in the coming weeks.

Free Day at the Land Fill for Joshua Residents

As part of the contract with IESI, Joshua residents will be able to dump bulk trash, brush and debris at the Turkey Creek Landfill twice each year. The first of the two dates has been scheduled for Friday June 11th and Saturday June 12th. Residents will need to take your city garbage collection bill with you in order to enter free of charge. A Community Clean Up will be held in the Fall, and a second free landfill day will be scheduled in the Winter. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Problem Snake Prevention

Many home owners have problems with snakes, and wish to know how to prevent them from using their yard and property as habitat. Any wild animal will live in an area if that area provides suitable food and shelter. Oftentimes, our suburban homes do offer such requirements. Some snakes like to live under shelter such as decks, sheds, or porches. To prevent this from happening, barriers such as steel exclusion barriers or latticework should be installed. Often times, snakes are attracted by the presence of food sources, such as rats. Thus, rat control is an effective means of helping to keep snakes away. Once an animal has established a behavior of visiting your property for these food sources, it can be hard to make them break the habit.

Here is a list of useful snake prevention methods:

- Eliminate debris such as wood or rock piles on the property.
- Cut down heavy brush or trim back hedges.
- Seal small gaps under doors or decks, etc.
- Use funnel type traps or glue board type traps along edges.
- An extreme remedy would be a perimeter wide fence sloping outward at a 30 degree angle.

The following remedies are suspect:

- Use of sisal rope around the property - the theory is that the coarse rope is tough on a snake's belly, but it's not true.
- Use of snake repellants such as sulphur, mothballs, or Snake-A-Way, a combination of the two.

- Use of predator scents such as mongoose urine.
- Use of ultrasonic sound emitters (snakes can't hear, at least in high frequencies).
- Use of fake owls or hawk decoys.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Joshua Type B Economic Development Board Meeting June 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Joshua Type A Economic Development Board Meeting June 14, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Joshua Regular City Council Meeting June 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.