

Carlson's Ridge Homeowners' Association

February 19, 2015

Subject: Smoke Alarms

All Carlson's Ridge Homeowners:

The Board constantly receives inquiries from homeowners regarding the changing out of smoke alarms and battery replacement for alarms. Smoke Alarms and combination Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO2) Alarms should be replaced every seven (7) years and back up batteries should be changed every 6 to 9 months before they start chirping. We are aware that many homeowners do not keep to this kind of schedule for replacement.

At our Homeowners meeting on October 29, 2014 we discussed an item brought forth by one of our homeowners. At a mutual meeting, the homeowner had a discussion with the New Milford Fire Marshall who said that the Fire Marshall's office could help with our homeowner needs to change smoke alarms and batteries. We were requested to provide a Board member to represent the Community and meet with Fire Marshall to discuss requirements and associated details.

Walt Terbrusch, our V.P. for Operations acted as our representative and met with the Fire Marshall. As it turns out, the Fire Marshall's office, consisting of the Fire Marshall and one other person could not service our needs as a community.

In an effort to provide some support to the Community, Walt contacted Hantsch Electric, Inc. the vendor who originally wired and installed our smoke alarms. Hantsch has agreed to provide a discounted package of services for Carlson's Ridge Homeowners for a Service Call, Smoke Alarms, Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Alarms and battery replacement.

If you are interested, you will contact Hantsch Electric at 860-354-0148 and identify yourself as a Carlson's Ridge Homeowner. Hantsch will send a technician to your home and make the changes that you request. They said that they can identify your need and remove / replace all detector/alarms within a one-hour service call. Walt's contact at Hantsch has been Rick Lucas.

The pricing is as follows:

- One hour service call	\$ 115.00 (discounted rate)
- Additional hour (if required)	\$ 80.00 (discounted rate)
- One Smoke Detector/alarm	\$ 17.05 ea.
- One Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detector/alarm	\$ 62.05 ea.
- One 9V battery	\$ 2.96 ea.

Most of our homes have a combination of 4 or 5 Smoke Alarms and Smoke/Carbon Monoxide alarms. New alarms come with new batteries. The individual battery charge is for when you want them to come and just replace batteries.

If you have any further questions, you can contact any of our Board members.

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