

# P the Citizens PIPELINE

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## Home Heating Safety Partnership Formed

The Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD), Citizens Gas and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA) have formed a partnership to raise public awareness of home heating safety and energy assistance, and to distribute 22,000 free smoke detectors to low-income Indianapolis residents.

The primary messages being delivered by the partnership include:

- **Everyone should have working smoke detectors on all levels of their home.** Residents should check smoke detector batteries monthly.
- **Everyone should have a home evacuation plan that they practice with their family.**
- **Space heaters and other alternative heating sources can be dangerous.**
- **Energy Assistance is available** -- Hoosiers needing energy assistance should call **1-800-872-0371**. Marion County and Westfield residents can also call Citizens Gas at **924-3311** for information on energy assistance and special payment programs.



*Captain Gregg Harris of the Indianapolis Fire Department gives a free smoke detector to a Citizens Gas customer at the company's annual Be Winter Wise event.*

The home heating safety partnership will result in the following efforts this winter:

- **Donation of 22,000 smoke detectors by Citizens Gas** -- The smoke detectors are being distributed by IFD, local churches and Community Action of Greater Indianapolis. CAGI is offering free smoke detectors to people applying for energy assistance.
- **A 30-second public service announcement is being broadcast on local TV stations.**
- **Distribution of home heating safety and energy assistance information** – Citizens Gas will make safety and energy assistance information available to churches throughout Marion County.
- **Just for Kids Website** – Citizens Gas is reaching out to Indianapolis public and private elementary schools through a special Just For Kids web page on the Citizens Gas website, [citizensgas.com](http://citizensgas.com).

Rev. Fitzhugh Lyons, President of the IMA, said the home heating safety partnership is an example for other communities to follow. "Citizens Gas has shown great leadership in joining with area churches and the Fire Department to take special efforts to ensure everyone has a safe, warm winter this year. This is the kind of collaborative approach we need to solve many of the problems facing our great community," Rev. Lyons commented.

# Budget Plan Levels Out Cost of Winter Heating

Citizens Gas encourages customers to sign up for the Budget Plan, which spreads out the cost of winter heating into 12 equal monthly payments. To enroll in the Budget Plan, call **924-3311**.

## Give the Gift of Warmth

We encourage you to give the gift of warmth this winter by purchasing a Citizens Gas gift certificate to help someone on your holiday list pay their gas bill. For details, or call **924-3311**.

## Warm Heart Warm Home Night at Ice Game on Jan. 6

Citizens Gas encourages everyone to attend the Indiana Ice Game on January 6 because a portion of ticket proceeds will be donated to the Utility's Warm Heart Warm Home Foundation. Each year, the foundation provides energy assistance to thousands of customers having trouble paying their gas bills.

So mark your calendar for Jan. 6, 7 p.m. at Pepsi Coliseum as the Ice take on Cedar Rapids. Your support of Warm Heart Warm Home and the Ice are greatly appreciated.



## Happy Holidays from the Eiteljorg Museum



**Eiteljorg Museum**  
of American Indians and Western Art

As a gift to the community, the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art is teaming with Clarian Health to offer **FREE ADMISSION**, with the donation of a canned good, December 1 through 31, 2006. The donations will help Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana to provide relief to some of the more than 740,000 Indiana residents living in poverty this holiday season.

### Fuji Apple & Pumpkin Soup with Spicy Pecans

#### Ingredients - Soup:

- 6 each Fuji apples, peeled and quartered
- 4 cups roasted pumpkin meat
- 8 each mini pumpkins
- 1/4 cup shallots, chopped
- 1 quart apple cider
- 1 tsp. cinnamon, ground
- 1 vanilla bean, halved and scraped
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 2 tbsp. skim milk
- 1 tsp. honey
- 1 tsp. salt

#### Ingredients - Spicy Pecans

- 8 Tbsp. pecans
- 2 tsp. honey
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1/4 tsp. paprika

- 1/2 tsp. cumin
- 1/4 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 tsp. cider vinegar

#### Directions:

1. Cut 3-4 lb. pumpkin into quarters, remove seeds and roast in 350° oven for approximately 20 minutes or until tender. Cut tops off mini pumpkins, remove seeds and roast in 350° oven for approximately 10 minutes. Cool and reserve.
2. Place Fuji apples, 4 cups roasted pumpkin meat, shallots, apple cider, cinnamon and vanilla bean into saucepan on medium-high heat. Bring to a simmer and reduce heat to medium. Cook for approximately 20 minutes or until apples are tender. Add yogurt, skim milk, salt and honey. Place in blender and puree to a smooth consistency.
3. Toast pecans in 350° oven for 4 minutes. Place in bowl and toss with spices. Add vinegar and toss again. Cook for an additional 4 minutes in 350° oven.
4. Place mini pumpkins in 350° oven for approximately 3 minutes. Place approximately 6 oz. soup in mini pumpkin and garnish with 3 spicy pecans.

