



Carriage Hills



September 2010

Property Owners Meeting

The next **Property Owner's Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, November 18th** at **7:00 pm** at the Fire Station (located behind Amatos). Attending these meetings is a great way to meet your neighbors, learn about your community and offer your ideas and suggestions.



Vehicle ID Stickers

If you do not have your Vehicle ID sticker (Parking Permit), the form may be downloaded from the website or for more information you may contact Susan at Investment Management at 936-756-0032. Please allow up to 2 weeks due to mailing.

Towing

Towing of vehicles in park areas without CHCIA parking permits began on February 22, 2010.

Please make sure to observe park hours. Swimming pool park areas close at 10:00 pm. All cars are subject to being towed after park closes.

Dates to Remember

September 6
Labor Day



Architectural Control Committee Information

The AC Committee meets the **first and third TUESDAYS of the month**. Applications must be submitted by the Sunday night prior to the meeting. **All improvements (fence, deck, pool, home, or garage, etc) need to be submitted for approval to the ACC before the project begins.** There are applications and regulation agreements that need to be filled out and signed and submitted for approval. These forms are available on the website. Deposits are required on new home construction only. Please contact one of the following ACC committee members: Jeff Schrick (Chairman) 271-0313, Pete Kaptain 273-3249, John Paxton 273-9436 or Tony Schaffer 321-0311.

Your ACC submissions must include the following:

- 1) Submit, complete and sign the ACC application (website form)
- 2) Signed rules and regulations for construction (website form)
- 3) Elevation, Design or Drawings with measurements.
- 4) Certified plat with placement and measurements for the improvement.



❖ Please remember to obey all the laws when school buses are loading and unloading.

Proposed Deed Restrictions Now Ready

Believe it or not, the Proposed Amended Deed Restrictions are now ready for community review.

Please visit the Carriage Hills Website at www.carriagehillscia.com to view. The original Deed Restrictions are also available on the website for comparison.

In order to save the subdivision money due to the high cost of printing, we are asking residents to print them out for review.

We will begin holding "Special Deed Restriction Meetings" in order to discuss and answer any questions with the community. Please watch for upcoming dates.

Halloween Carnival

This year's Halloween Carnival will be held on October 30th at the Tennis Courts.

Each year, the Committee strives to improve the event hoping it will be better than the previous year, but in order to do that, volunteers are a very important ingredient. This year we need volunteers to:

- ❖ Set-up
- ❖ Run a carnival game
- ❖ Clean-up

The Committee is also looking for residents who are "handy" with wood, and could help build and improve present games. All supplies will be provided. Improving the carnival games will "step-up" the fun for the kids. To volunteer, please contact: Lisa LeBlanc at 936-321-6690 or Cathy Phillips at 936-321-4059.

Kody Soeder - Memorial Bench

The Memorial Bench honoring the life of resident, Kody Soeder, was successfully installed in the Tennis Court Park area. The installation took place marking the one year anniversary of his passing. We would like to thank the following residents who made this possible:

The Allen Family
The Benoit Family
Mary Ellen Bryant
The Cleboski Family
Mark & Kristen Curzan
The Gilstrap Family
Jennifer Goldston
The Hebert Family
The Jaskolka Family
Michael Lange
David & Lynne Lawler
The LeBlanc Family
The Mabry Family
The Michael Mitchell Family
Richard & Theresa Peterson
The Mark Phillips Family
The Rebouche Family
The Larry Reynolds Family
Kyle & Sally Richard
Cindy Rodgers
The Rue Family
Paul Wyatt
The Woodlands H.S. Football Team
– Summer Lineman Challenge

Thank you All! – Lisa LeBlanc & Rhonda Mabry



A Soeder Family Thank You

Thank you to all of our Carriage Hills friends and neighbors for your continuing support and generosity as displayed by the Kody Soeder Memorial placed at the tennis courts. Kody spent many hours with his friends at the park and courts and was always interested in helping with our neighborhood projects. It is an honor for us to see such a beautiful tribute to Kody and we know it will be enjoyed by many for years to come. A special thank you to Lisa and Rhonda for making sure this memorial became a reality. It is truly a blessing to be part of the Carriage Hills Family.

With sincere appreciation,
Kevin, Sharon & Kyle Soeder

Snakes Alive!!!!

A Resident's Encounter

As a comment, Carriage Hills resident Orry Martin recently distributed flyers throughout the subdivision, describing his services for handling snakes. Well, today I had reason to use his services and I want to state that I'm very glad I saved his flyer.

I was watering all of the plants on the front porch when I happened to notice this behind the huge potted palm on the porch:



The thing was about four feet long and maybe 1.5 inches in diameter at the biggest part of its body. I noticed that it had a tapered tail so deduced that it wasn't a rattlesnake but beyond that, had no ideas as to what species it was. Daisy, one of my hounds, was on the porch with me and about the time she saw the snake, I was getting her back into the house.

I called Orry and he was here within five minutes.

The snake had disappeared from the front porch in the two minutes I was in the house calling Orry and when Orry arrived we found it coiled up near the TOP of the bushes in front of the porch. He captured it and identified it as a Texas Rat Snake and said it feeds on rats, moles, mice and similar critters.

Orry explained that these snakes do bite but are not venomous. He said he had captured another Texas Rat Snake two blocks north of our house and that sucker was SEVEN feet long. He told me our yards are great for snakes because of all the shrubs, plants and moist earth. This event is gonna make future watering of my plants and exciting endeavor, especially after the sun sets.

I definitely recommend that Orry's skills and knowledge be used whenever necessary.

Bill Neill – A Carriage Hills Resident



CASA Announces the First Annual Speak Up for Kids 5k Run @ Jones State Forest



DATE:

Saturday, September 18, 2010

TIME:

8:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Jones State Forest

DETAILED:

This is our first annual 5K organized by co-chairs Bonnie Hubert & Denise VanKuiken. We have the unique venue of an urban wilderness located on 1488 just outside of the Woodlands. There will be a 5K run/walk and a 1K kids fun run, plus fun nature discovery activities for the whole family. If you are lucky you might see a Red Cockaded Woodpecker, an endangered species that makes their home in Jones Forest.

Mark your calendar now and watch for registration details on this website. For questions or to volunteer for our event, email runforCASAkids@gmail.com

REGISTER ONLINE - www.EZToRegister.com (click on events)



Press Releases

August 25, 2010

West Nile Virus confirmed, take precautions

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (August 25, 2010) – Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) confirmed that a pool of mosquitoes from a surveillance site in The Woodlands Township/South Montgomery County area tested positive for West Nile Virus.

No reports of human illness in Montgomery County have been filed with TDSHS at this time. Residents are urged to protect themselves and families from mosquito bites.

Stay indoors from dusk to dawn when disease-carrying mosquitoes are most active. If you must be outside, wear long, loose, light-colored clothing and use a repellent. Select product strength based on the amount of time you plan to spend out of doors. Follow the label directions.

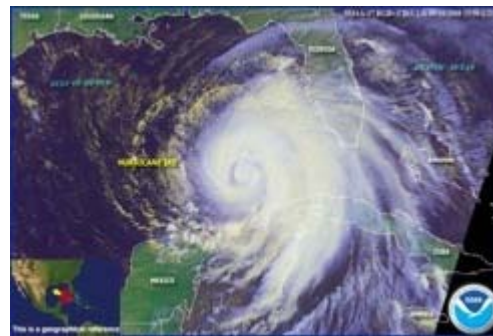
Residents can decrease the number of mosquitoes on their property by monitoring and eliminating all sources of standing water. Avoid overwatering and control run-off from irrigation systems. French drains, water meter boxes, bird baths and plant saucers hold water and can also become breeding sites. Treat standing water that cannot be drained.

The Importance of ACC Approval

One of the most important jobs of the Board of Directors and the Architectural Control Committee is to ensure that all improvements, alterations and additions a homeowner makes to their property complies with the Deed Restrictions and is “in harmony” with the homeowners’ property as well as within the subdivision as a whole. Unfortunately, when a homeowner does not obtain the proper approval before beginning a project, the homeowner takes a risk on whether or not that project will be approved. This action can result in a loss of time and money for not only the homeowner, but for the Association.

The importance of obtaining ACC approval BEFORE beginning a project cannot be stressed enough.

Hurricanes - Get Ready with Emergency Supplies



The first step in preparing for a Hurricane is making sure you have the proper supplies on hand. The CDC has a specific recommended minimum supplies list that should be considered when preparing for a hurricane.

Hurricane Emergency Supplies List

Your home should be stocked with supplies that may be needed during the hurricane emergency period. The [CDC recommends](#) that at a minimum, these supplies should include:

- Several clean containers for water, large enough for a 3-5 day supply of water (about five gallons for each person).
- Non-perishable food-A 3-5 day supply.
- A first aid kit and manual.
- A battery-powered radio, flashlights, and extra batteries.
- Sleeping bags or extra blankets.
- Water-purifying supplies, such as chlorine or iodine tablets or unscented, ordinary household chlorine bleach.
- Prescription medicines and special medical needs.
- Baby food and/or prepared formula, diapers, and other baby supplies.
- Disposable cleaning cloths, such as "baby wipes" for the whole family to use in case bathing facilities are not available.
- Personal hygiene supplies, such as soap, toothpaste, sanitary napkins, etc.
- An emergency kit for your car with food, flares, booster cables, maps, tools, a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, sleeping bags, etc.

Source: Center for Disease Control

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Welcome New Residents

We would like to welcome all of the new residents to Carriage Hills. We hope that you enjoy living in the Carriage Hills community. If you have not received your residential parking permits, deed restrictions, directory or community information, please contact Susan at Investment Management at 936-756-0032.

**In every community,
there is work to be
done. In every nation,
there are wounds to
heal. In every heart,
there is the power to
do it.**

--Marianne Williamson

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