



# Carriage Hills Telegraph

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## A Message From The Directors

❖ The next **Property Owner's Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

❖ Please be sure check the Carriage Hills website [www.carriagehillscia.com](http://www.carriagehillscia.com) often for information regarding important information and events and that are happening in the neighborhood.



## 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 vehicle stickers, deed restrictions, directory or community information, please contact Susan at Investment Management at 936-756-0032.

## Fire Department



Volunteers are always needed! Contact John Bilides for more information at 936-273-2770 or call the fire station at 936-321-0999.

## Missed A Newsletter?

Did you know that if you missed a past newsletter, they are archived and may be viewed on the Carriage Hills website at [www.carriagehillscia.com](http://www.carriagehillscia.com)



## ACC Meeting Nights

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. There are applications and regulation agreements to be filled out and signed on all items submitted for construction. These forms are available on the website. Deposits are required on new home construction. Please contact one of the following ACC committee members: Jeff Schrick (Chairman) 271-0313 or Pete Kaptain 273-3249.



## Water Restriction

To view the information or the schedule regarding water restriction from Aqua Texas, please visit our website at: [www.carriagehillscia.com](http://www.carriagehillscia.com)

## Fire Works & Burn Ban Information



For information regarding fireworks or a county burn ban, please contact the Montgomery County Fire Marshall's office at 936-538-8288 or visit their website at: [www.mctx.org/fire](http://www.mctx.org/fire)



## Burning in Carriage Hills

To answer questions concerning burning in Carriage Hills, please contact the Montgomery County Fire Marshall's office at 936-538-8288 or visit their website at: [www.mctx.org/fire](http://www.mctx.org/fire)

## Curfew



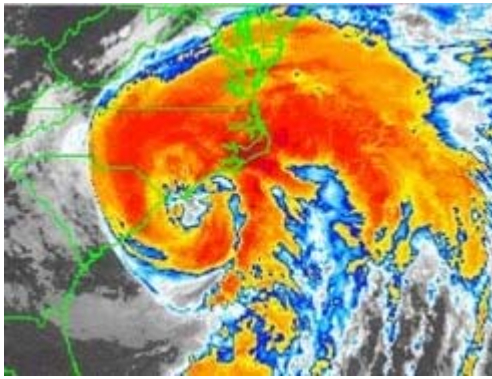
Did you know that there is a curfew in Montgomery County? The law states that anyone under the age of 17 may not be out in public unattended from the hours of 12:01 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. Monday through Sunday. If caught, the fine can up to \$500.00. For more information and to view the law please visit the website at: [www.co.montgomery.tx.us/jp1/index.shtml](http://www.co.montgomery.tx.us/jp1/index.shtml)

## Dates to Remember

**July 4**  
Independence Day



# Hurricane Emergency Plan



When preparing for a hurricane emergency, the first step is to make sure you have the proper supplies. The second step is to create a hurricane emergency plan and to prepare for evacuation.

## Creating a Hurricane Emergency Plan

The CDC has some specific steps you should take in creating a hurricane emergency plan.

- Learn about your community's emergency plans, warning signals, evacuation routes, and locations of emergency shelters.
- Identify potential home hazards and know how to secure or protect them before the hurricane strikes. Be prepared to turn off electrical power when there is standing water, fallen power lines, or before you evacuate. Turn off gas and water supplies before you evacuate. Secure structurally unstable building materials.
- Buy a fire extinguisher and make sure your family knows where to find it and how to use it.
- Locate and secure your important papers, such as insurance policies, wills, licenses, stocks, etc.
- Post emergency phone numbers at every phone.
- Inform local authorities about any special needs, i.e., elderly or bedridden people, or anyone with a disability.
- [Make plans to ensure your pets' safety.](#)

## Preparing to Evacuate

You should expect to evacuate and you will need to prepare for

it. Normally, the National Weather Service will issue a hurricane watch within 24-36 hours when there is a threat of hurricane conditions to coastal areas. When a hurricane watch is issued, you should:

- Fill your automobile's gas tank.
- If no vehicle is available, make arrangements with friends or family for transportation.
- Fill your clean water containers.
- Review your emergency plans and supplies, checking to see if any items are missing.
- Tune in the radio or television for weather updates.
- Listen for disaster sirens and warning signals.
- Prepare an emergency kit for your car with food, flares, booster cables, maps, tools, a first aid kit, fire extinguisher, sleeping bags, etc.
- Secure any items outside which may damage property in a storm, such as bicycles, grills, propane tanks, etc.
- Cover windows and doors with plywood or boards or place large strips of masking tape or adhesive tape on the windows to reduce the risk of breakage and flying glass.
- Put livestock and family pets in a safe area. Due to food and sanitation requirements, emergency shelters cannot accept animals.
- Place vehicles under cover, if at all possible.
- Fill sinks and bathtubs with water as an extra supply for washing.
- Adjust the thermostat on refrigerators and freezers to the coolest possible temperature.

## If You are Ordered to Evacuate

Hurricanes are extremely destructive and very powerful. Thus, you should never ignore an evacuation order. Authorities will be most likely to direct you to leave if you are in a low-lying area, or within the greatest potential path of the storm.

Be aware that most shelters and some hotels do not accept pets.

If a hurricane warning is issued for your area or you are directed by authorities to evacuate the area:

- Take only essential items with you.
- If you have time, turn off the gas, electricity, and water.
- Disconnect appliances to reduce the likelihood of electrical shock when power is restored.
- Make sure your automobile's emergency kit is ready.
- Follow the designated evacuation routes—others may be blocked—and expect heavy traffic.

## If You Are Ordered NOT to Evacuate

The great majority of injuries during a hurricane are cuts caused by flying glass or other debris. Other injuries include puncture wounds resulting from exposed nails, metal, or glass, and bone fractures.

To get through the storm in the safest possible manner:

- Monitor the radio or television for weather conditions, if possible.
- Stay indoors until the authorities declare the storm is over.
- Do not go outside, even if the weather appears to have calmed—the calm "eye" of the storm can pass quickly, leaving you outside when strong winds resume.
- Stay away from all windows and exterior doors, seeking shelter in a bathroom or basement. Bathtubs can provide some shelter if you cover yourself with plywood or other materials.
- Prepare to evacuate to a shelter or to a neighbor's home if your home is damaged, or if you are instructed to do so by emergency personnel.

Other Hurricane Related  
Articles:

- [Hurricane Emergency Supplies](#)
- [Hurricane Readiness](#)

Source: *Center for Disease Control*



## Fun Facts

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## Independence Day

1. Independence Day commemorates the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. However, it was not declared a legal holiday until 1941.

2. Fireworks were made in China as early as the 11th century. The Chinese used their pyrotechnic mixtures for war rockets and explosives.

3. Uncle Sam was first popularized during the War of 1812, when the term appeared on supply containers. Believe it or not, the U. S. Congress didn't adopt him as a national symbol until 1961.

4. There are many precise rules for taking care of the American flag. And speaking of flag traditions, we're sorry to report that contrary to legend, historical research has failed to confirm that Betsy Ross sewed the first flag.

5. Not all members of the Continental Congress supported a formal Declaration of Independence, but those who did were passionate about it. One representative rode 80 miles by horseback to reach Philadelphia and break a tie in support of independence.

6. The first two versions of the Liberty Bell were defective and had to be melted down and recast. The third version rang every Fourth of July from 1778 to 1835, when, according to tradition, it cracked as it was being tolled for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall.

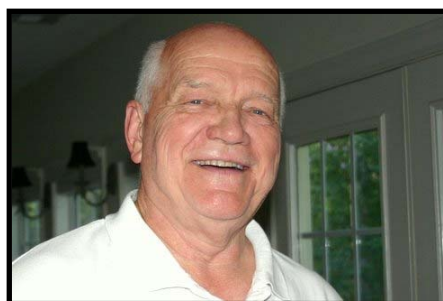
7. The American national anthem, the "Star-Spangled Banner," is set to the tune of an English drinking song ("To Anacreon in Heaven").

8. The iron framework of the Statue of Liberty was devised by French engineer Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel, who also built the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

9. The patriotic poem "America the Beautiful" was published on July 4, 1895 by Wellesley College professor Katharine Lee Bates.

10. Father of the country and architect of independence George Washington held his first public office at the tender age of 17. He continued in public service until his death in 1799.

## Welcome New Residents Gathering



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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.

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